

# ICFAI University, Sikkim Successfully Hosts ICIS-2026 International Conference

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The ICFAI University, Sikkim, in collaboration with Sikkim University and the Research Foundation of India (RFI), successfully organized the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Studies: Bridging Knowledge for Tomorrow (ICIS-2026) on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the ICFAI Auditorium, Gangtok, in hybrid mode. The conference was conceived as a scholarly platform to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and to facilitate the integration of diverse domains of knowledge in addressing contemporary global challenges. The theme of the conference, “Bridging Knowledge for Tomorrow,” underscored the increasing relevance of collaborative and cross-disciplinary approaches in responding to issues related to sustainability, governance, technological transformation, and societal development.

The inaugural session was conducted with due academic and ceremonial decorum, commencing with the invocation and lighting of the lamp, followed by the welcome address by the Convener. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of the ICFAI University, Sikkim, Prof. (Dr.) Jagannath Patnaik, delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary research in shaping a knowledge-driven future, while the Registrar presented the institutional address. The conference featured keynote addresses by distinguished academicians, namely Dr. Anshuman Sharma of Ajman University, UAE, and Dr. Rajeev Kumar Panda of the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, whose deliberations provided valuable insights into emerging academic and research paradigms. The inauguration also witnessed the formal launch of the IUS Journal for Multidisciplinary Studies, reflecting the institution’s commitment to fostering research and scholarly dissemination.

The academic proceedings of the conference included parallel technical sessions conducted across multiple interdisciplinary tracks, wherein more than fifty research papers were presented by scholars, faculty members, and research students. The presentations spanned a wide spectrum of disciplines including Management, Social Sciences, Law, Science and Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Environmental Studies, and Public Policy, thereby demonstrating the breadth and depth of interdisciplinary engagement. The sessions facilitated critical discussions, exchange of ideas, and constructive feedback, contributing to the enrichment of academic discourse. The accepted research contributions were compiled and published in the Book of Abstracts (ISBN: 978-93-92620-54-6), serving as a valuable repository of contemporary research and scholarly work.

The conference witnessed active participation from academicians, researchers, professionals, and students from various institutions, thereby creating opportunities for meaningful interaction, academic networking, and potential research collaborations. The structured sessions, along with informal interactions during breaks, contributed to a dynamic and intellectually stimulating environment conducive to knowledge exchange.

The conference concluded with a valedictory session graced by Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Kumar Swain, Vice Chancellor, Sikkim University, who addressed the participants and reflected upon the significance of interdisciplinary research in the evolving academic landscape. The session included a comprehensive summary of the technical proceedings, distribution of certificates, and formal closing remarks, followed by the National Anthem.

Overall, ICIS-2026 emerged as a significant academic initiative that successfully fostered interdisciplinary scholarship, encouraged intellectual engagement, and strengthened institutional collaboration. The conference not only provided a platform for dissemination of research but also contributed to the advancement of knowledge and the promotion of innovative and integrative academic practices, thereby reinforcing the commitment of the organizing institutions towards academic excellence and research development.

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