

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Presents

International Conference and Students' Meet

DE NOVO '26

ADVANCING JUSTICE: TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESPONSES TO CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL CHALLENGES

8, 9 & 10 December 2026

De Paul Institute of Science & Technology (Autonomous), Angamaly in collaboration with James Cook University, Australia and Institute of Health & Management,Australia

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De Paul Institute of Science & Technology (Autonomous), Angamaly, Ernakulam, Kerala, is one of the fast-growing professional institutions in South India, known for its quality education, experienced faculty, modern infrastructure, and commitment to academic excellence. Established in 2002, the institute focuses on research-oriented learning, innovation, and professional development through a wide range of academic programmes and collaborations with reputed institutions. DiST has continuously responded to the changing needs of society, industry, and the economy by offering innovative and career-oriented courses. Recently, the institute achieved the significant milestone of attaining autonomous status, further strengthening its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, research, and holistic student development. With special dedication, Institution continues to prepare competent, responsible, and future-ready professionals.

De Novo, a significant initiative of the De Paul School of Social Work, was started in 2009 with the aim of providing a platform for meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing on various themes related to social work and well-being. The conference brings together researchers, practitioners, policymakers, community leaders, and students from diverse backgrounds to promote networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas. Its primary motto, “A Better World to Live In,” reflects its commitment to promoting emotional, social, and ecological well-being and contributing to a more inclusive and healthy society. The Students' Meet, provides students with an opportunity to interact, build connections, and showcase their talents and skills through various competitions and engaging activities. So altogether De Novo creates a vibrant platform for learning, collaboration, creativity, and the holistic development of social work students.

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INVITATION

Dear Fraternity of Professionals, Researchers, and Students,

We are delighted to invite you to **De Novo '26 – International Conference and Students' Meet,** to be held at De Paul Institute of Science & Technology (Autonomous), Angamaly, Ernakulam, India, on 8th, 9th & 10th December 2026.

The conference is jointly organized by the School of Social Work, De Paul Institute of Science & Technology Autonomous, India, and the Department of Social and Human Services, James Cook University (JCU), Australia, and Institute of Health & Management, Australia.

The theme of De Novo '26 is **"Advancing Justice: Transdisciplinary Responses to Contemporary Global Challenges."**

De Novo '26 provides a dynamic platform for participants to exchange knowledge, present innovative research and best practices, foster interdisciplinary collaborations, and network with professionals working in related fields. The conference will encourage critical discussions on contemporary issues, promote evidence-based solutions, and inspire collective efforts toward advancing justice and sustainable social transformation.

We warmly welcome you to join us for this enriching academic gathering and contribute to meaningful conversations that will shape future directions in research, policy, and professional practice.

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THEME

Advancing Justice: Transdisciplinary responses to contemporary global challenges

SUB THEME

1. Vulnerabilities, Human Rights and Social Justice
2. Climate, Environmental and Energy Justice
3. Emerging Technologies, Digital Marginality and Techno Justice
4. Governance, Workplace Dynamics, and Institutional Justice
5. Geopolitical Conflicts, Displacement and Global Justice

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Last date for abstract submission	11th November 2026
Last date for full paper	14th November 2026

Selected papers will be considered for publication in a Scopus-indexed edited book with an ISBN

Scan here for the Conference Concept Note

www.denovo.in
scan here for registration

Scan here for Guidelines on Paper and Scientific Poster Presentations

Paper & abstracts are now being accepted via email - denovo@depaul.edu.in

Abstract Coordinators - Sona Jose: 9539153835 & Anagha Peter: 7736462350

Registration Fee

International Students	200 AUS $
Students from SAARC Countries	125 AUS $
International Scholars & Faculty	250 AUS $
Indian Academicians and Practitioners	Rs. 2000
Indian Scholars	Rs. 1500
Indian Students • with paper/poster presentation • Students with participation only	 Rs. 1000 Rs. 900
Students' Meet	Rs. 500

*** Last date for Conference registration - 14 th November 2026**









Conference Registration Includes

Conference Kit

Tea/Coffee at the designated breaks

Lunch and Dinner

Cultural Evening

Moderate accommodation for the Indian delegates



Notes

- Students will be provided with minimal accommodation facilities, along with transportation to the accommodation.
- Conference kit will be provided only for participants registered for all 3 days of the conference
- The students' meet will begin at 3:00 pm on 9th December, 2026
- After payment, share the UTR number or reference number in the registration form.

Registration Coordinators: Ajana P.J.- 8714854023 & Rincy Tomy - 7306278201

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STUDENTS' MEET COMPETITIONS

REGISTER YOUR TEAM FOR THE COMPETITIONS

- **BEST SOCIAL WORKER** – Voice of Justice
- **THEME DANCE** – Rhythm of Hope
- **RAMP WALK** – Walk the Verdict
- **NEWS ROOM** – Records of Truth
- **TABLEAU** – Long Live Truth
- **PICTURE JAM** – Image of Justice
- **STREET PLAY** – Echoes of Justice
- **PHOTOGRAPHY** – Lens of Justice

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL AND SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT BEFORE AN EXCITING AUDIENCE!

Theme Dance
Reg - 1500
First - 15000
Second - 10000

Ramp Walk
Reg - 2000
First - 25000
Second - 15000

Tableau
Reg - 800
First - 5000
Second - 3000

Street Play
Reg - 800
First - 5000
Second - 3000

Best Social Worker
Reg - 500
First - 5000

Picture Jam
Reg - 300
First - 3000
Second - 1500

Newsroom
Reg - 500
First - 5000
Second - 3000

Photography
Reg - 300
First - 3000
Second - 1500

PRIZE MONEY

WORTH MORE THAN RS. 1,00,000/-

Registrations is open to all academic disciplines and professional programmes

Please Note: An exception applies to the Best Social Worker competition, as only students with a Social Work background may apply

RULES, REGULATIONS AND REGISTRATION DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE ONCE REGISTRATION BEGINS

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