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The 12th National Conference of Forum for Ethics Review Committees in India **FERCICON-2025** **November 13-15, 2025**

Theme:

**“Revisiting Ethical Research Practices across
 diverse Cultural Settings: Bridging Global
 Standards with Indigenous Realities in India”**

Venue:

Jorhat Medical College, Jorhat, Assam

Pre-Conference Events

November - 2025

**Ethical Challenges and Safeguards in integrating AI
 Tools into Health and Social Research at
 JORHAT MEDICAL COLLEGE**

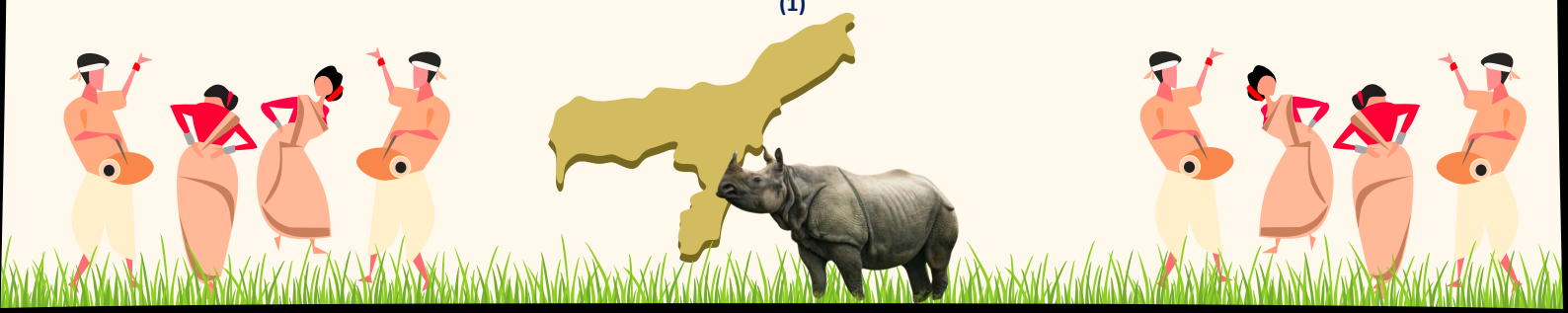
**Grey Zones in Publication Ethics: Beyond Plagiarism
 at
 JORHAT MEDICAL COLLEGE**

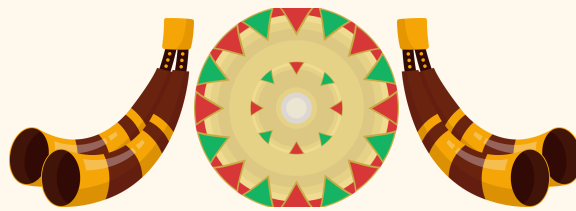


Organised by:

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Greetings All,

Dear Esteemed Delegates, Speakers, and Participants, It is with immense pleasure and honor that we welcome you to FERCICON 2025, the annual conference of the Forum for Ethics Review Committees in India, scheduled to be held from 13th to 15th November 2025 at Jorhat Medical College, Jorhat, Assam.

The theme of this year's conference - "Revisiting Ethical Research Practices across Diverse Cultural Settings: Bridging Global Standards with Indigenous Realities in India" - reflects our collective commitment to fostering ethical research that is not only globally sound but also deeply rooted in local sociocultural contexts. As India continues to witness a growing emphasis on health and social research, it is imperative that ethics review processes evolve to address the unique realities and challenges emerging from diverse cultural settings across the country, especially in regions like North East.

Jorhat Medical College, located in the heart of Assam, is proud to host this meaningful gathering of ethics committee members, researchers, academicians, and policy advocates. We believe that North-East, with its rich cultural mosaic and distinct research environment, offers a fitting backdrop to reflect on inclusivity, equity, and context-sensitive ethical practices in research.

FERCICON 2025 will feature a diverse program comprising keynote lectures by eminent experts, interactive panel discussions, thematic paper presentations, hands-on workshops, and pre conference events- all designed to stimulate thought and promote collaboration.

We look forward to your active participation in making this conference a vibrant platform for learning, dialogue, and advocacy. Your presence will not only enrich the deliberations but also contribute to shaping ethical frameworks that are responsive to both global expectations and indigenous wisdom. With Warm Regards,

Prof (Dr) Bishnu Ram Das

Organizing Secretary, FERCICON 2025
Professor and Head, Dept. of Community Medicine
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Proposed Subthemes for Deliberations:

- # Ethical challenges in research involving marginalized communities
- # Informed consent in multicultural and diverse settings
- # Community and cultural engagement in research
- # Researcher reflexivity and positionality in multicultural research
- # Community-based and public health research in multicultural environment
- # Challenges in conducting clinical trials in North-East India
- # Cultural acceptance of vaccines and need for contextual ethical guidelines

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Registration Fees:

Category	Regn Fee (Till Sept 30, 2025)	Regn Fee from 1st Oct / SPOT
FERCI Member	Rs. 4,500/-	Rs. 5,500/-
FERCI Non-member	Rs. 5,500/-	Rs. 6,500/-
Student*	Rs. 3,500/-	Rs. 4,500/-
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Group of 5 FERICI Members	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 22,500/-
Group of 5 Non FERICI Members	Rs. 22,500/-	Rs. 25,000/-
Industry Delegate	Rs. 6,500/-	Rs. 7,500/-
Pre-Conference Event	Rs. 1,500/-	Rs. 1,800/-

*Studentship to be certified by the concerned Head of the Department.

Note: Payment of the Registration Fees is to be made by A/c payee Bank Draft/at par cheques drawn in favour of "FERCICON 2025" payable at Jorhat Medical College Branch and posted along with Registration form to Conference Secretariat. In case of outstation cheques, add Rs. 100/- as bank collection charge.

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Accommodation: Hotel accommodation will be facilitated upon request. Delegates are required to make their own bookings. Tariff and other details will be provided upon request.

Entitlement: Registered delegates are entitled to attend inaugural function, plenary lectures, scientific sessions, entertainment program, lunch and dinner.

Instruction for Abstracts: Kindly send abstract not exceeding 250 words [Introduction, Methodology, Result and Discussion] in Times New Roman Font 12", double spacing to: fercicon2025@gmail.com, with a copy to: drbishnu2015@gmail.com

Last date for Abstract Submission - 30th September 2025

Acceptance of Paper: The presenting author must register for the Conference. Final decision regarding acceptance of abstracts will rest with the Scientific Committee. In case of non receipt of any information about the status of abstract by Oct 15, 2025, please contact: Prof Bishnu Ram Das, Organizing Secretary, FERCICON 2025, Dept. of Community Medicine, Jorhat Medical College, Jorhat 785001; Email: drbishnu2015@gmail.com; Ph: +91-8011703846.

Oral Presentation: Time for presentation 7 mins followed by 3 mins for Q/A. LCD projectors will be available.

Poster Presentation: Poster should be fixed on 1.2 mtr x 2 mtr area, 2 hour before the presentation. Author(s) should be present throughout for any discussion.

Do mention if you wish to participate in Oral or Poster Prize Session.

Note: There will be a QUIZ Contest Session for UG and PG students. Each team shall consist of two persons. Quiz Master's decision to be final.

