



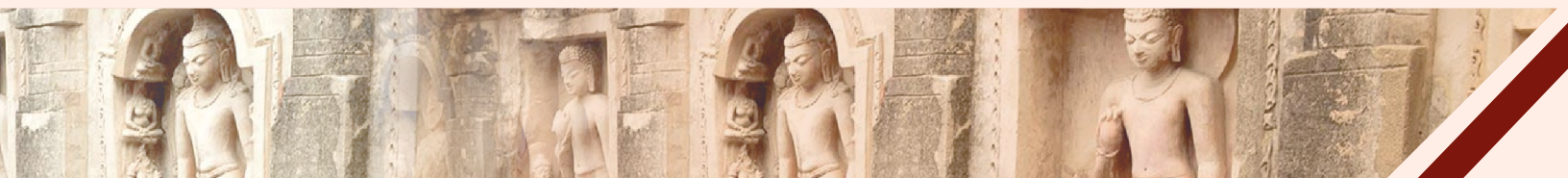
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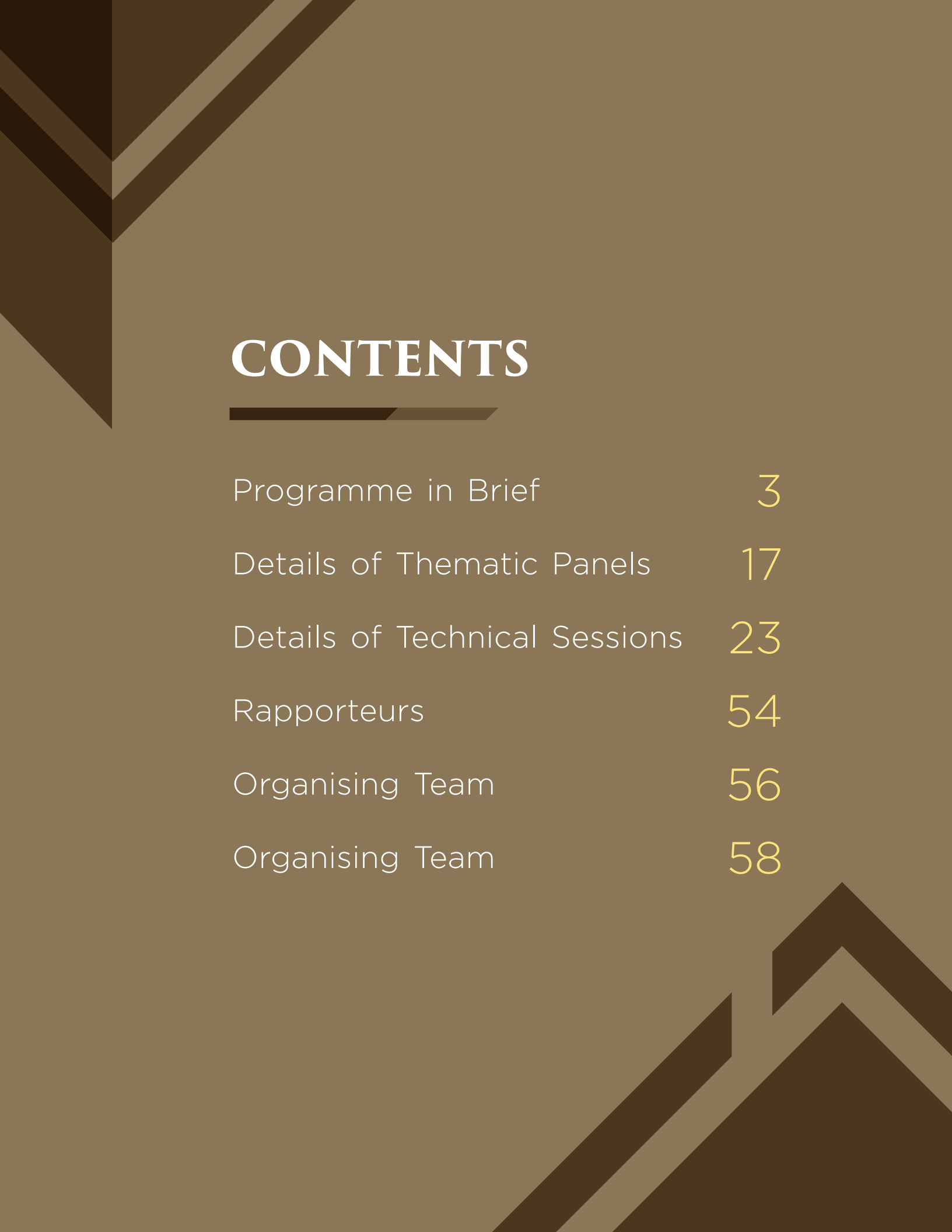
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PROGRAMME IN BRIEF

Sunday **25 October** 2026

12:30 – 14:00 hrs	: LUNCH AND REGISTRATION <i>Venue: Lunch: Vishwamitralaya</i> <i>Registration: Vishwamitralaya</i>
14:00 – 16:00 hrs	: PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT <i>Symposium on Databases and Research Tools – Emerging Trends and Issues</i> <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	: Saurabh Garg, IAS Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Government of India
Panelists	: Ravindra H. Dholakia Former Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad : S. Madheswaran Advisor, Jain University, Bengaluru and Former Professor and Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru : S. K. Mohanty Professor, Nalanda University : G. C. Manna Professor, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi : Udaya Shankar Mishra Professor & Head, International Institute for Population Sciences Mumbai
16:00 – 16:30	: Tea <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
16:30 – 18:00	: INAUGURAL SESSION <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Welcome and Opening Address by the Chairperson	: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Chairman, IASSI and Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
About IASSI	: Professor Alok Kumar Mishra Professor, University of Hyderabad and Member Secretary, IASSI

Remarks	: Professor Ram Singh President, 25th IASSI Annual Conference and Director, Delhi School of Economics
Address	: Professor Dhananjay Singh Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research New Delhi
Book Release	: <i>Public Finance For Cities: The Benefit Principles from Wickshell to Stiglitz</i> by: Shibani Mishra and Alok Kumar Mishra (Published by Oxford University Press)
Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest	: Professor S. Mahendra Dev Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) <i>Topic: Indian Knowledge System in the Evolving Social Sciences</i>
Vote of Thanks	: Dr. Kishore Dhavala Associate Professor, Nalanda University and Organising Secretary, 25 th IASSI Conference
18:05 - 18:50	: PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	: Ravindra H. Dholakia Former Professor of Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
Presidential Address	: Ram Singh President, 25th IASSI Annual Conference and Director, Delhi School of Economics : <i>Topic: Why Culture Matters for Economic Outcomes: A Law and Economic Perspective</i>
18:50 - 20:30	: PLENARY PANEL 1 Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	: Deepak Mishra Distinguished Visiting Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi
Keynote Address	: Shivkumar Kalyanaraman Chief Executive Officer, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India

Panelists	: Sujit Kumar Chief Economist, National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development
	: Ram Manohar Singh Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
	: Chandra S. Nuthalapati Professor, Nalanda University
20:30 – 21:30	: Executive Committee and General Body Meeting <i>Venue: Roundtable Conference Hall</i>
20:30 hrs	: Dinner <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>

Monday **26 October** 2026

8:00 hrs	:	Breakfast and Registration <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
9.00 am – 10.30 hrs	:	PLENARY PANEL 2 Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Saikat Sinha Roy Professor and Former Head, Jadavpur University Kolkata, West Bengal
Keynote Address	:	Sudipto Mundle Chairman, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram
Panelists	:	Philippe Cadène Professor, Université Paris Cité, France
	:	Pinaki Chakraborty Visiting Distinguished Professor National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi
	:	Seeta Prabhu Former Tata Chair Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai and Former Head, Human Development Resource Centre United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
10.30-11.00	:	Tea <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
11.00-12.30	:	PLENARY PANEL 3 Special Panel on Indian Methodologies for Issues Before Social Sciences <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Sachin Chaturvedi Chairman, IASSI and Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
Panelists	:	S. Gurumurthy Chairman, Vivekananda International Foundation and Editor, Thuglak
	:	Saurabh Garg, IAS Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Government of India

Ravindra H. Dholakia

Former Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

12:30 - 13:30

: **TARLOK SINGH MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Venue: Vishwamitralaya

Chair

: **Alakh N. Sharma**

Director, Institute for Human Development (IHD)

Lecture by

: **Saurabh Garg, IAS**

Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Government of India

: *Topic:* **Data for Development: Strengthening the Evidence Base
for Viksit Bharat**

13:30 - 14:30

: **LUNCH**

Venue: Vishwamitralaya

14:30 -16:30

: **Parallel Technical Sessions and Thematic Panel Discussions**

Venue: Academic Spine

: **Technical Session 1.1**

**Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a
Changing World**

: **Technical Session 2.1**

Culture and Development

: **Technical Session 3.1**

Health and Nutrition in India's Development

: **Technical Session 4.1**

**Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives
from Indian States**

: **Technical Session 5.1**

Education and Knowledge Systems

: **Technical Session 6.1**

Global Goals Beyond 2030

: **Thematic Panel 1:**

**From Menarche to Motherhood: Reimagining Women's Health,
Well-being, and Economic Trajectories**

Organised by: FLAME University & Symbiosis School of Economics
Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune

Venue: Roundtable Conference Hall

: **Thematic Panel 2:**

Using Behavioral Science for Better Nutrition

Organised by: UNICEF India and Institute for Human Development-
UNICEF Behavioral Insights Unit, Ranchi

Venue: Mini Auditorium

16:30 - 17:00	:	TEA <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
17:00 - 19:30	:	PLENARY PANEL 4 Global Goals Beyond 2030 <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Sachin Chaturvedi Chairman, IASSI and Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
Keynote Address	:	Mikiko Tanaka Director and Head, United Nations ESCAP Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia, New Delhi
Panelists	:	Pami Dua Senior Professor of Economics and Former Director, Delhi School of Economics; Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. EAC-PM Arjan de Haan Senior Program Specialist, Climate Adaptation and Resilience International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada Jyoti Chandiramani Director, Symbiosis School of Economics and Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune P. K. Anand, IAS Retd. Centre for Studies in Development and Sustainability (CSDS) Nalanda University and Former Senior Advisor, NITI Aayog Government of India
19:30 hrs	:	DINNER <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>

Tuesday **27 October** 2026

8:00 hrs	:	BREAKFAST <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
9:00 - 10:30 hrs	:	PLENARY PANEL 5 Health and Nutrition in India's Development <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Achin Chakraborty Visiting Professor, Centre of Excellence in Public Policy Law and Governance, IIT Kharagpur and Honorary Professor, Institute for Human Development, Ranchi; Former Professor of Economics and Former Director, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
Keynote Address	:	Sanjay Zodpey President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and Pro-Chancellor, PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences, Delhi
Panelists	:	Ashish Pandey Professor, Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
	:	Simantini Mukhopadhyay Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharti, Shanti Niketan, West Bengal
	:	Swati Dutta Senior Fellow, IHD
	:	Arijita Dutta Professor in Economics, University of Calcutta
10:35 - 12:00	:	PLENARY PANEL 6 Culture and Development <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Asanga Tilakaratne Emeritus Professor, Buddhist Studies University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Keynote Address	:	Badri Narayan Tiwari Vice-Chancellor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
Panelists	:	P. Kanagasabapathi Secretary & Trustee, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, New Delhi
	:	Jyoti Verma Former Professor of Psychology, Patna University

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- : **Dipankar Sengupta**
Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu
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- David Akombo**
Professor of Music Education and Interdisciplinary Musicology and
Dean, Faculty of Culture, Creative and Performing Arts
The University of the West Indies

12:00 – 12:30	: TEA <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
12:30 – 14:00	: Parallel Technical Sessions and Thematic Panel Discussion <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>

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- : **Technical Session 1.2**
Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
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- : **Technical Session 2.2**
Culture and Development
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- : **Technical Session 4.2**
Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
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- : **Technical Session 5.2**
Education and Knowledge Systems

	: Thematic Panel 3 Culture in Practice: Designing Development for India's Diversity <i>Organised by: UNICEF India</i> <i>Venue: Roundtable Conference Hall</i>
14:00 – 15:00	: LUNCH <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>

15:00 – 16:30	: PLENARY PANEL 7 Education and Knowledge Systems <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
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Chair	: S. R. Hashim Former Member Secretary, erstwhile Planning Commission and Former Chairman, Union Public Service Commission
Keynote Address	Rukmini Banerji Senior Advisor, Pratham Education Foundation
Panelists	: D. Venkat Rao Professor and Dean, Nalanda University
	: R. Clive Landis Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor of Cardiovascular Research, The University of the West Indies
	: Balaji Parthasarathy Former Professor, International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore
	: Ganti S. Murthy Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Indore

Special Remarks	Brigadier Sushil Bhasin Military-Inspired Leadership Coach
16:35 – 18:00	: Parallel Technical Sessions and Thematic Panel Discussions <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
	: Technical Session 3.2 Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	: Technical Session 6.2 Global Goals Beyond 2030
	: Technical Session 1.3 Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
	: Technical Session 2.3 Culture and Development
	: Thematic Panel 4 Measuring Development Where People Live: Localization of Sustainable Development Goals <i>Organised by: Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune</i> <i>Venue: Mini Auditorium</i>
	: Thematic Panel 5 Technology, Health and Inclusive Development: From Innovation to Impact <i>Organised by: Asian Development Research Institute, Patna</i> <i>Venue: Roundtable Conference Hall</i>
18:00 – 18:30	: TEA <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
18:30 – 20:00	: Parallel Technical Sessions and Panel Discussion <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
	: Technical Session 3.3 Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	: Technical Session 4.3 Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
	: Technical Session 5.3 Education and Knowledge Systems
	: Technical Session 1.4 Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
	: Technical Session 5.4 Education and Knowledge Systems
20:00 – 21:00	: CULTURAL PROGRAMME
21:00 hrs	: DINNER <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>

Wednesday **28 October** 2026

8:00 hrs	: BREAKFAST <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
9:00 - 11:00 hrs	: Parallel Technical Sessions <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
	: Technical Session 2.4 Culture and Development
	: Technical Session 3.4 Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	: Technical Session 4.4 Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
	: Technical Session 5.5 Education and Knowledge Systems
	: Technical Session 1.5 Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
11:00 - 11:30	: TEA <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
11:30 - 12:45	: Parallel Technical Sessions <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
	: Technical Session 2.5 Culture and Development
	: Technical Session 2.6 Culture and Development
	: Technical Session 3.5 Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	: Technical Session 4.5 Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
	: Technical Session 5.6 Education and Knowledge Systems
	: Technical Session 6.3 Global Goals Beyond 2030

13:00 – 14:15	:	VALEDICTORY SESSION <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Highlights of the Conference Deliberations	:	Professor Ram Singh President, 25th IASSI Annual Conference and Director, Delhi School of Economics
Remarks	:	Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Chairman, IASSI and Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
	:	Professor Alakh N. Sharma Director, Institute for Human Development (IHD)
Valedictory Address by the Chief Guest	:	Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) Hon'ble Governor of Bihar
Vote of Thanks	:	Ms. Priyanka Tyagi Chief Executive Officer, IHD and Communication Director, IASSI
14.15 – 15.00	:	LUNCH <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
15:00 hrs	:	Departure of Delegates/Excursion

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DETAILS OF THEMATIC PANELS

Monday **26 October** 2026

14:30 -16:30 hrs : **THEMATIC PANEL 1**

From Menarche to Motherhood: Reimagining Women's Health, Well-being, and Economic Trajectories

Organised by Flame University and Symbiosis School of Economics
Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune

Chair : **Harjot Kaur Bamhrah, IAS**
Chairman, Revenue Board, Government of Bihar

Panelists :

Purnima Bajre
Assistant Professor, FLAME University, Pune

Niharika Singh
Associate Professor, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune

Achin Chakraborty
Visiting Professor, Centre of Excellence in Public Policy Law and Governance, IIT Kharagpur and Honorary Professor, Institute for Human Development, Ranchi; Former Professor of Economics and Former Director, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata

Vandana Upadhyay
Director, Women's Studies and Research Centre, Professor of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Simantini Mukhopadhyay
Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Politics
Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan

Antra Singh
Fellow and Senior Lead, Institute for Human Development, Bihar

THEMATIC PANEL

14:30 -16:30 hrs

: **Thematic Panel 2****Using Behavioral Science for Better Nutrition***Organised by* UNICEF India and Institute for Human Development-UNICEF Behavioral Insights Unit, Ranchi**Moderator** : **Alka Malhotra**

Social and Behaviour Change Specialist, UNICEF India

Panelists : **Mamta Chauhan**

Professor, Indian Institute of Health Management Research University, Jaipur

Title: **Using behavior science-based SBC interventions to improve maternal nutrition in Karauli, Rajasthan**: **Ravikanth**

Behavioral Science Consultant, UNICEF India

Title: **Behavior science evidence- based SBC interventions to improve complementary feeding practices in Telangana**: **Swati Dutta**

Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development (IHD)

Christina Kujur

Senior Research Associate, IHD, Ranchi

Joshila Pallapati

Social and Behaviour Change Specialist, UNICEF, Jharkhand

Anushka Ashok

Co-Founder, Sustainable Behavior Change (SBC) Labs

BKN Singh

Senior Research Associate, IHD, Ranchi

Title: **Evidence on SBC interventions to improve complementary feeding in rural Jharkhand**

Tuesday **27 October** 2026

12:30 -14:00 hrs

Thematic Panel 3

Culture in Practice: Designing Development for India's Diversity

Organised by: UNICEF India

Moderator and Discussant : **Lopamudra Tripathy**
Social and Behaviour Change Specialist, UNICEF India

Theme Address : **Badri Narayan Tiwari**
Vice Chancellor
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Panelists :

- Anand Kanitkar**
Programme Officer, UNESCO, India
- Deepali Masirkar, IPS**
Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
- Akhil Bihari Ota (IAS Retd)**
National Consultant, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
State Consultant, UNICEF

16:35 -18:00 hrs

Thematic Panel 4

Measuring Development Where People Live: Localization of Sustainable Development Goals

Organised by: Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune

Chair/ Convenor : **Jyoti Chandiramani**
Professor and Director, Symbiosis School of Economics and Dean
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune

Panelists :

- Praveen Jha**
Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Title: Laudable Goals but Where are the Resources?
- Alok Kumar Mishra**
Professor, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad
Title: Beyond City Rankings: Localising SDG 11 Through Urban Sustainability and Grassroots Vulnerability

: **Manoj Narayan**
 State Consultant, Planning & Development Department, Government of Bihar

Title: **Beyond State-level Progress: Strengthening District SDG Localization in Bihar**

: **Shuchi Misra**
 Assistant Professor, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune

Title: **Localizing SDGs in Pune (PMC): A City and Ward-Level Analysis**

Thematic Panel 5

Technology, Health and Inclusive Development: From Innovation to Impact

Organised by Asian Development Research Institute, Patna

**Chair/
Convenor**

: TBC

Panelists

: **Monika Anant**
 Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Associate Dean (Research), AIIMS Patna

Title: **Harnessing Technology for Maternal Health in Developing Nations**

: **Namrata Chindarkar**
 Associate Professor, JSW School of Public Policy, IIM Ahmedabad

Title: **Using Drone Technology to Transform Last-Mile Healthcare Delivery**

: **Arpan Sharma**
 Assistant Professor and Geospatial Scientist, Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna

Title: **Applying Geospatial Intelligence to Disease Surveillance, Climate-Risk Prediction and Healthcare Accessibility**

: **Tushar Mungle**
 AI Data Scientist, Norstella India Pvt. Ltd. (formerly Postdoctoral Scholar Stanford University)

Title: **Advancing Health Through AI, Clinical Informatics and Digital Healthcare**



DETAILS OF TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Monday **26 October** 2026

Theme 1

DIGITAL FUTURES

Technology, Society, and Well-being in a Changing World

Venue:

Academic Spine

14:30 -16:30	Technical Session 1.1
Chair	Ashish Gupta , Professor, Nalanda University
Discussants	Ashok Kumar , Professor, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya Poulomi Bhattacharya , Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences Hyderabad

Lifelong Learning or Lifelong Pressure? Micro-Credentials, Employability, and Well-Being in Liquid Modernity

Diksha Verma, PhD Scholar, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

P. Geetha Rani, Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

Digital Infrastructure and Women's MSME Formalization in India: Role of Prevailing Business Environment in Inclusive Entrepreneurship

Anurag Kumar, Research Scholar, NIT Jamshedpur

Neha Jaiswal, Assistant Professor, NIT Jamshedpur

Examining the Factors that Influence Teachers' Adoption of a Gamification Approach in Indonesian EFL Classrooms: Korthagen's Onion Model

Adi Nugroho, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Smriti Singh, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Single-Agent Adaptation Outperforms Multi-Agent Coordination in Foundation Curriculum Sequencing: Simulation Evidence

Tapashi Kashyap Das, Assistant Professor, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati

Kishore Dutta, Assistant Professor, Handique Girls' College, Guwahati

Riskier Times, Smarter Systems: Leapfrogging Disaster Resilience and Climate Adaptation through the Full AI Stack

Sanjay Srivastava S, Radhakrishnan Chair Professor, School of Natural Science and Engineering,

National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru

Digital Governance in Indian Agriculture: A Systematic Review of Government Digital Agriculture Schemes, Outcomes and Implementation Challenges

A. Amarendra Reddy, Joint Director, ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management (ICAR-NIBSM), Raipur

Kriti Arpana Minz, ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management (ICAR NIBSM)

Arun Reddy Anugu, Carnegie Mellon University, USA

Consumption Without Capability: Welfare Transfers, Skill Development Failures, and the Sustainability of Poverty Reduction in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, 2023-2026

Devanshi Agarwal, Master's Student, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

Theme 2

CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

14:30 -16:30	Technical Session 2.1
Chair	Godabarisha Mishra , Professor, Nalanda University
Discussants	Taniya Chakrabarty , Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi Elora Tribedy , Associate Professor, Nalanda University

Matrilineal Futures: Khasi Society and the Power of Indigenous Knowledge in a Warming World

Anisha Chaurasia, PhD Scholar, NIMS University, Jaipur

Dilip Singh, Director (Rural), Ministry of Communications, Government of India

Jyoti Gour, PhD Scholar, NIMS University, Jaipur

A Study on the Impact of the Vishnupad Corridor Project on Gaya's Sacred Geography and Local Communities

Maishy Charan, Assistant Professor, P.G. Department of History, Magadh University, Bodhgaya, Gaya

Recognition, Caste, and Justice in Indian Secularism

Ankita Kushwaha, Assistant Professor, Sai University, Chennai

The Role of Buddhism and Bodhgaya in India's Soft Power Diplomacy

Shraddha Rishi, Assistant Professor, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya

Self-Help Groups as Economic and Cultural Institutions of Rural Development: Evidence from Assam

Smritishikha Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati

Chayanika Senapati, Assistant Professor, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati

Informal Cultural Institutions as Mediators of Development: The District-Level Family Systems Index as a Translation Device in Migration-Affected Bihar

Supriya Krishnan, Assistant Professor, Department of Personnel Management and Industrial Relations (PMIR), Patna University

Structural Fragility and Devaluation of Labour: A Socio-economic Analysis of Income and Employment in The Banaras Handloom Industry

Diksha Rai, PhD Scholar, University of Hyderabad

Phanindra Goyari, Professor, University of Hyderabad

Theme 3

HEALTH AND NUTRITION IN INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT

14:30 -16:30	Technical Session 3.1
Chair	Clive Landis , Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill
Discussants	Abhijeet Poddar , Associate Professor (Visiting), Nalanda University Abodh Kumar , Professor, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya

Peri-Urban Health and the Problem of Statistical Invisibility

Suman Hazra, Assistant Professor, Sree Chaitanya College, Habra Prafullanagar, Habra

Ensuring Human Security through Universal Health Coverage: A Study of Ayushman Bharat Programme

Sangita Dhal, Professor, Kalindi College, University of Delhi, Delhi

Family Planning Use, Self-Reported Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) and Other Reproductive Problems Among Women in India

Dewaram Nagdeve, Professor, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

Socio-Economic Costs of Road Traffic Injuries among Two-Wheeler Riders in Kerala: A Human Capital Approach

Sunitha Vijayan, SCIENTIST, B KSCSTE-National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC), Thiruvananthapuram

Vishnu P S, Assistant Professor, VTM NSS College, Dhanuvachapuram

Christabell P J, Associate Professor, University of Kerala, Thiruvanthapuram

Global Cost-of-Illness Evidence on Thalassemia: A Review of Healthcare Expenditure and Implications for India

Sephali Patra, Research Scholar, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha

Sachita Nanda Sa, Assistant Professor of Economics, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha

Transition in (In)Equality of Opportunity in Child Nutrition: A Decomposition Analysis Using Panel Data from India

Sonam Saini, Ph.D Scholar, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra

Rajesh Sharma, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra

Health Expenditure and Economic Growth: The Mediating Role of Child Mortality in ECOWAS

Bhola Khan, Professor, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly

Theme 4

COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES FROM INDIAN STATES

14:30 -16:30	Technical Session 4.1
Chair	Philippe Cadene , Professor, Université Paris Cité, France
Discussants	Talha Latief , Assistant Professor, Nalanda University Sudhansu Kumar , Associate Professor, Nalanda University

Examining Migration from Regional Perspectives: Empirical Analysis of Indian States

Archana Sinha, Professor, Population Council Institute, New Delhi

Vulnerability and Precarity: The Plight of Women Domestic Workers in Kolkata

Monikinkini Basu, Associate Professor, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata

Migration-underdevelopment Nexus in Bihar: An Econometric Exploration

Mohan Teja, Student, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Nalin Bharti, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Comparative Evidence of Population Ageing, Retirement Security and Regional Development in Jammu and Poonch Districts of Jammu and Kashmir

Falendra Kumar Sudan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu

Mumtaz Ahmed, Assistant Director, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Jammu and Kashmir

Anil Kumar, Ph.D Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Jammu

Inequality and Mobility: Comparing Welfare Across Income, Consumption, And Assets (2005 to 2012)

Diya Gupta, Research Intern, Madras School of Economics, Chennai

Brinda Viswanathan, Professor, Madras School of Economics, Chennai

Expenditure Trade-offs Among the Urban Poor: Cross-Expenditure Elasticity Evidence from Indian Slums

Iti Vyas, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad

Alok Kumar Mishra, Professor, University of Hyderabad

What Makes a Metropolitan? Fragmentation, Provision, and the Limits of the City as a Unit of Governance

Ketaki Thakur, Research Analyst, National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID), Mumbai

Sujit Kumar, Chief Economist, National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID), Mumbai

Theme 5

EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

14:30 -16:30

Technical Session 5.1

Chair **Mrinalini Jha**, Professor and Director, Jindal Institute of Haryana Studies

Discussants **Rajeshwar Kumar**, Associate Professor, Nalanda University
Arijita Dutta, Professor, University of Calcutta, Kolkata

Sen-Bourdieu Analytical Framework: A Capabilitarian Approach to Addressing Diverse Lived Realities in Education

Jitsun Lamo, PhD Scholar, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

P. Geetha Rani, Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

Knowledge, Power and the Making of Collegiate Education in Colonial India: Negotiating Indigenous Traditions and Institutional Modernity

Abhishek Pandey, Visiting Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Intercultural Sensitivity Among Indonesian Students in India: A DMIS-Based Analysis of Indonesian Students' Perceptions

Andri Maulana, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Smriti Singh, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Performance of industrial training institutes in Karnataka: Trends, gaps and the way forward

Ayush Ranjan Parmar, Postgraduate Scholar, Nalanda University, Rajgir

Manjunatha A.V., Associate Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru

Nithyanand Aradhya, Research Associate, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru

An Empirical Analysis of Wagner's Law for Public Expenditure on Higher Education in Bihar

Rishi Raj, PhD Scholar, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

P. Geetha Rani, Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

Ancient Wisdom for Modern Questions: A sociological insight

Tania Ghosh, Research Scholar, Glocal University, Saharanpur

Sribas Goswami, Associate Professor, Serampore College, Serampore, West Bengal

International Branch Campuses of Foreign Universities in India: Policy and The Question of Quality

Anirban Sengupta, Associate Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, New Delhi

GLOBAL GOALS BEYOND 2030

14:30 -16:30	Technical Session 6.1
Chair	Praveen Kumar Jha , Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Discussants	Dipanker Sen Gupta , Professor, University of Jammu Jyotsana , Professor, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College for Women, University of Delhi

Post-2030 International Development Agenda: Potentials for Equity

Arjan de Haan, Senior Climate Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi

Environmental Justice, Social Equity and The SDGs in India: A Constitutional, Legal and Policy Assessment of The 2030 Agenda

Veerabhadraiah C, Professor of Law, B.M.S. College of Law, Bengaluru

Informal Recovery Systems and Household Behaviour in Urban Circular Economy Transitions: A Case of Ahmedabad

Ravi Sannabhadti, Associate Professor, CEPT University, Ahmedabad

Ayush Jha, Research Assistant, CEPT University, Ahmedabad

Anil Roy, Senior Associate Professor, CEPT University, Ahmedabad

Environmental Justice and Social Equity in Post-2030 Global Development

Asmi Raza, Professor of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi

Rising Wireless Frequencies and Pollinator Exposure: A Regulatory Gap in Indian Telecommunications and Environmental Governance

Soami Daya Krishnananda, Professor, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra

Pami Dua, Professor and Ex Director, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi

Urbanization, State Capacity and Sustainable Development Outcomes Across Indian States: Evidence from the SDG Era

Ishita Ghoshal, Assistant Professor, Fergusson College (Autonomous), Pune

Saylee Jog, Assistant Professor, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune

Precarity of Female Labour in State-led Welfare Schemes: Focus on One-Stop Centres

Tanmya Tyagi, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

Rajshree Bedamatta, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

Theme 1

DIGITAL FUTURES

Technology, Society, and Well-being in a Changing World

Venue:

Academic Spine

12:30–14:00

Technical Session 1.2

Chair

Chandra S. Nulthalapti, Professor, Nalanda University

Discussants

A. Amarender Reddy, Joint Director, ICAR–National Institute of Biotic Stress Management (ICAR–NIBSM), Raipur

Poulami Dutta, Assistant Professor, Nalanda University

Job Creation Among Females Through Increasing Employee Provident Fund (EPF) Accounts – A Case Study of Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY)

Niharika Singh, Associate Professor, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune

Antra Singh, Fellow and Senior Lead, Bihar Programme Office, Institute for Human Development, Patna

Technological Pathways for Public Grievance Redressal: A Study of Grievances Lodged on the Sahyog portal in Vaishali and West Champaran Districts of Tirhut Division, Bihar

Ankit Raj, Chief Minister's Fellow, Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya Hajipur

Angita Kumari, Chief Minister's Fellow, Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya

The Coach-up Catch-up : An Unfolding of a Digital Revolution Empowering PVTG women in Pakur District of Jharkhand

Nabhajit Dey, Independent Consultant, Ranchi

Digital Public Infrastructure as a Driver of Public Value Creation: A Conceptual Framework for Inclusive Governance

Harish Kumar D.A., PhD Scholar, Osmania University, Hyderabad

Spatial Frictions in Digital Commerce: A District-Level Analysis of Order Flows on ONDC

Koshika Pandey, PhD Scholar, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi

Digital Exhaustion: Reimagining Workplace Well-Being Amid Constant Connectivity

Tabassum Praveen, Assistant Professor (English), Rajkiye Degree Mahavidyalaya, Bokhra Sitamarhi

The Witness that Cannot Speak: Forensic AI, Testimonial Incapacity, And Admissibility Reform Under India's New Criminal Law

Anonza Priyadarshini, Research Scholar, Central University of South, Bihar, Gaya

Ashok Kumar, Professor, Head and Dean, Central University of South Bihar

One Number, Many Counters: WhatsApp Governance and Stratified Citizenship in Andhra Pradesh's Digital State

Daggupati Likhitha, Teaching cum Research Assistant, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore

Kavali Munisekhar, Teaching cum Research Assistant, Vellore Institute of Technology

Bangalore Morarji, Associate Professor, Vellore Institute of Technology

Theme 2

CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

12:30–14:00	Technical Session 2.2
Chair	Smriti Singh , Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna
Discussants	Tosabanta Padhan , Nalanda University Sugandha , Chankya National University, Patna

Early Marriage: Socio-Cultural and Economic Contexts of Matrimonial Decision Making in Jharkhand

Bhim Reddy, Director, Institute for Human Development, Eastern-Regional Centre-Ranchi

Christina Kujur, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Human Development, Eastern-Regional Centre-Ranchi

From Information to Knowledge: Community Radio as a Knowledge Intermediary for Climate Adaptation in Rural India: Evidence from the Shubh Kal Initiative in Bundelkhand, India

Zainab Ahmed, Manager-Communications and Radio Bundelkhand, Development Alternatives, Delhi

Beyond the Sacred Enclosure: Monastic Life, Political Economy, and Generational Identity at a Tibetan Tantric Monastery in Exile.

Neel Kamal, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh

Sacred Infrastructure, Contested Territory: Urban Redevelopment and the Reordering of Commercial Space in Ayodhya Dham

Shagun Kalhans, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh

Sattrra Institutions and the Economy: An Inquiry into Institutional Management, Income and State Relations

Arunabh Jyoti Malakar, PhD Scholar, Gauhati University, Guwahati

Sarna Sthal and Indigenous Worldview: A Study in Brambe, Ranchi

Nikita Bhui, Research Scholar, Central University of Jharkhand, Cheri-Manatu, Ranchi Ranchi

Rabindranath Sarma, Professor, Central University of Jharkhand, Cheri-Manatu, Ranchi

Perspectives on India's Partition from North-East of India: Belongingness and Citizenship

Paroma Sen, Associate Professor (Political Science), Galgotias University, New Delhi

Diksha Konwar, Assistant Professor (English), Galgotias University, Uttar Pradesh

Theme 4

REGIONS, RESOURCES, AND DEVELOPMENT

Comparative Perspectives from Indian States

12:30–14:00	Technical Session 4.2
Chair	Indrani Chakraborty , HDFC Bank Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi and Professor and Director and Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata
Discussants	Neeraj Singh , Nalanda University Aviral Pandey , Assistant Professor, A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna

Beyond Household Consumption: Productive Utilisation of Migration Remittances among Rural Households in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, India

Ayush Tiwari, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Vinay Kumar, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Sanjay Kumar, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

The Choice of Non-Farm Employment in Rural Bihar: A Multinomial Logistic Regression Analysis

Maryam Sabreen, Assistant Professor, Oriental College, Patna

Mountain Poverty among Urban Informal Workers in Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim: A Comparative Analysis Highlighting a Paradox

Sushma Subba, Assistant Professor, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

Amit Kundu, Professor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Beyond Endowments: Structural Determinants of Rural-Urban Wage Disparities in India

Khushi Agarwal, Research Scholar, IISER Bhopal

Rishu Kumar, Research Scholar, Shiv Nadar University, Uttar Pradesh

Scenario of Municipal Solid Waste Management in India: Status, Challenges and Way Forward

Suchitra Nair, Research Scholar, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) Bengaluru

Manjunatha A.V., Associate Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru

Beneath the Surface: Coal Resource Endowment and Geographical Inequalities in Child Undernutrition in India

Kumari Palak, PhD Scholar, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya

Abodh Kumar, Professor, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya

Vikal Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya

Behavioural Preferences in Agriculture: A Meta-analysis

Pratik Kumar Singh, PhD Scholar, University of Hyderabad

Raghavendra Kushawaha, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi

Do Interstate Migrants Earn Differently? Evidence from Assam's Informal Labour Market

Gayatri Gogoi, Research Scholar, Rajiv Gandhi University, Dibrugarh, Arunachal Pradesh

Theme 5

EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

12:30-14:00	Technical Session 5.2
Chair	P. Geetha Rani , Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration New Delhi
Discussants	Pratyush Kumar , Professor, Chanakya National Law University, Patna Devangana Jha , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Daulat Ram College, New Delhi

Social Inequalities in Graduate Labour Market Outcomes: Evidence from India

Taniya Chakrabarty, Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Vikas Dubey, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

PARAKH's Holistic Progress Card and the Inclusive-Assessment Vision of NEP 2020: A Paradigm Shift in Assessment Indrani Bhaduri CEO and Head National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) New Delhi

Bhaswati De, Senior Psychometrician, PARAKH, NCERT, New Delhi

Prashant Singh, State Liaisoning Officer, PARAKH, NCERT, New Delhi

The Mortal Knower: Human Being and Knowledge as a Single Operation in Archaic Greek Culture

Laura Elizalde, Ph.D Scholar, Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar

Economic Growth, Human Capital, and Youth Labour Market Dynamics: A System GMM Analysis of OECD Countries

Akash Kumar Mukherjee, PhD Scholar, University of Kalyani, West Bengal

Anupam Hazra, Assistant Professor, University of Kalyani, West Bengal

Mainak Das, PhD Scholar, University of Kalyani, West Bengal

Blended Learning Resources For Inclusive Skill Development Among Learners With Disabilities: Indian Perspective

Bharti, PhD Scholar, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab

Deepika Vig, Professor and Coordinator of Research, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana

Sustainable Development learnt through Traditional Knowledge System

Bornini Lahiri, Assistant Professor, IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal

Asymmetry of Institutional Preparedness for Language Policy - A critique of NEP 2020 and PARAKH in forging linguistic, national, and economic identity: Insights from UDISE+

Karthik Ramesh, Student, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune

Theme 3

HEALTH, AND NUTRITION IN INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT

16:35-18:00	Technical Session 3.2
Chair	Udaya Shankar Mishra , Professor and Head, International Institute for Population Science, Mumbai
Discussants	Iti Vyas , ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad Archana Sinha , Professor Emeritus, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi

Maternal and Nutritional Health among Scheduled Tribe Women in Northeast India: An Inter-State Analysis

Vandana Upadhyay, Professor, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Itanagar

Kanchan Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, LTK College, Lakhimpur, Assam

Digital Access and Antenatal Care Utilisation in India: Evidence from a Generalized Structural Equation Model

Swati Dutta, Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

From Menstrual Leave to Menstrual Dignity: Evidence from Informal Women Workers in Assam

Polakshi Bhattacharyya Baruah, Assistant Professor, Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati

Pranti Dutta, Assistant Professor, Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati

Using Metrics Based on Squared Deviations to Measure Child Malnutrition: An Analysis of Temporal Change and Construct Validity at the Sub-National Levels in India

Simantini Mukhopadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Politics Visva Bharti, Shanti Niketan, West Bengal

Beyond Healthcare Access: Assessing the Completeness of Maternal, Newborn and Child Healthcare during the First 1,000 Days in Tribal Regions of India

Aakash Sinha, Research Associate, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Swati Dutta, Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Sunil Mishra, Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Maternal Continuum-of-Care Completion and Socioeconomic Inequalities in Rural Konkan, Maharashtra: Evidence from NFHS-5.

Saniya Simon, Research Scholar, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune

Aditi Mishra, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune

Digitalizing of PDS - Social exclusion and Marginalization in the state of Chhattisgarh

Minal Madankar, Senior Program Coordinator, Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Bilaspur

Ravindra Kurbude, Program Incharge, Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Bilaspur

C. Sathyamala, Visiting Professor, IHD, New Delhi

Prafull Chandel, Senior Program Coordinator, Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Bilaspur

Manju Thakur, Cluster Coordinator, Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Bilaspur

Anil Bamne, Cluster Coordinator, Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Bilaspur

Economic-Epidemiology, Herd Immunity, and Optimal Control Theory: A Model for Pandemic Mitigation and Implications for Future Pandemics

Pratik Kumar Singh, PhD Scholar, University of Hyderabad

Alok Kumar Mishra, Professor, University of Hyderabad

Theme 6

GLOBAL GOALS BEYOND 2030

16:35-18:00	Technical Session 6.2
Chair	Sanjay Kumar Srivastava , Professor, School of Natural Science and Engineering, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru
Discussants	Asmi Raza , Professor, University of Delhi, Delhi Gurminder Kaur Arora , Professor, Shri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi

Financing Development Priorities Beyond 2030: Evidence from India's Green Bond and Equity Markets

Surabhi Seth, PhD Scholar, Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi

Drivers of India's consumption-based CO₂ emissions: An EE-MRIO structural decomposition of household consumption, government demand and investment, 2010-2019

Aman Kumar, Student, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai

Manisha Jain, Associate Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai

Inclusive finance and governance for food security: Evidence from BRICS

Bhanu Pratap Singh, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

From Global Goal to Local Action: Framing a Grassroots Comprehensive Development Index for Post-2030 Development Agenda

Sheethal B Srinivas, Research Scholar, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi

Rabidyuti Biswas, Professor, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi

An Integrated Ability Motivation and Opportunity -Social Model Framework for the Labour-Force Participation of Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Illness

Sudeep Kumar, PhD Scholar, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

Nishikant Kumar, Assistant Professor, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

Tanmoy Kumar Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

Mapping the Intensity of Unpaid Multitasking and its Determinants: A Disaggregated Study of Time Use Survey Data

Arunit Ajay Singh, Research Assistant, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Heterogeneous Export Responses to India's PLI Scheme: An Econometric Analysis of Selected Manufacturing Sectors

Saqib Rashid, PhD Scholar, University of Jammu

Dipanker Sen Gupta, Professor, University of Jammu

Manoj Bhatt, Associate Professor, University of Jammu

Discreet Ties: Regional Trade Agreements and Their Trade Impact on Member and Non-Member Nations

Manish Chauhan, Assistant Professor, SRM University, Sonepat, Haryana

Supriyo Mondal, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Somesh Mathur, Professor, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Theme 1

DIGITAL FUTURES

Technology, Society, and Well-being in a Changing World

16:35-18:00	Technical Session 1.3
Chair	Balaji Parthasarathy , Former Professor, IIIT Bangalore
Discussants	Niharika Singh , Associate Professor, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune Bhanu Pratap Singh , Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Impact of Rainfall on India's Informal Economy: A Study on Digital Peer-to-Peer UPI Transaction Volume Using an ARDL Model

Prince Kumar, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Nalin Bharti, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Is India Ready for Inclusive Futures in Robot-Assisted Surgery: A Narrative Review of Recent Media Coverage

Gaurav Pai, Adjunct Professor, FLAME University, Pune

Aesthetic Surveillance: Investigating Privacy, Identity, and Biopolitical Governance in Body-Monitoring Wearables

Vibhanshu Dubey, Researcher, Chanakya National Law University, Patna

Smriti, Research Scholar, Chanakya National Law University, Patna

Reorienting Indian Education towards Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Employment in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Utkarsh Unnayan, Research Scholar, University Department of Political Science, Ranchi University

Dravin Singh, Undergraduate Scholar, Department of Political Science, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

State-Level Trends and Patterns of Digital Financial Fraud in India: A Comparative Analysis

Shameemudheen C K, PhD Scholar, University of Hyderabad

Digital Readiness, Gig Work Participation and Employment Aspirations Among Undergraduate Students in Rural Assam

Hemanta Sonowal, Research Scholar, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar

Vandana Upadhyay, Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar

Digital Renaissance and Impact of Algorithm on Adolescents

Nupur Roy, Assistant Professor, The Graduate School College for Women, East Singhbhum

The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Indian Economy: Prospects and Challenges

Poulomi Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad Off-campus

Badri Narayan Rath, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad

Theme 2

CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

16:35–18:00	Technical Session 2.3
Chair	D Venkat Rao , Professor, Nalanda University
Discussants	Savita Pareek , News Editor, Akashwani Kendra, Patna Bhim Reddy , Director, Institute for Human Development, Eastern-Regional Centre Ranchi

Medieval Bengali Literature and its Influence on the Living Dance Traditions of Bengal: Ritual, Philosophy and Performance

Namrata Das, Research Scholar, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi

Radhika Puthenedam, Associate Professor(Dance), Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi

Monasteries as Institutions of Cultural Diplomacy: A Case Study of Buddhist Monasteries in Bodh Gaya

Anamika Sinha, Research Scholar, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya

Shraddha Rishi, Assistant Professor, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya

Cultivating Conscience: Ethics, Justice, and the Philosophy of Care in Indian Agriculture

Gyanendra Tiwari, Research Scholar, FLAME University, Pune

Diversity and Regional Economic Growth: The Case of Indian Districts

Kumar Shaishav, PhD Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

Falguni Pattanaik, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

Folklore, Built Environment, And Epistemological Shifts: Mapping the Dynamics of Cultural Change and Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission Among the Kol Tribe of Anuppur, Madhya Pradesh

Aryan Kumar Garg, Research Scholar, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak Kotma, Madhya Pradesh

Gauri Shankar Mahapatra, Professor, Department of Tribal Studies, Art, Culture & Folk Literature, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak Kotma, Madhya Pradesh

Social Mobility, Living Standard and Cultural Identity: Evidence from the Santal Community in West Bengal

Sulekha Hembram, Assistant Professor, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

Bhojpuri Vivaah Geet as Living Repositories of Traditional Folk Practices

Shalini Ojha, Assistant Professor, Srinath University, Jamshedpur

HEALTH, AND NUTRITION IN INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT

18:30-20:00	Technical Session 3.3
Chair	Dewaram A. Nagdeve , Professor, International Institute for Population Sciences
Discussants	Ritambhara Singh , Associate Professor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa Samastipur, Bihar Anirban Sengupta , Associate Professor, Dr B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi

Status of Agriculture Growth and Its Impact on Food and Nutritional Security in India

Sunil Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics Government Degree College, Narwar, Madhya Pradesh

Kamlesh Kumar Shrivastava, Professor, Department of Economics, Vijaya Raje Scandia Govt. Girls Post-Graduate College, Morar, Gwalior

Factors Affecting Patient Satisfaction Level Of Primary Healthcare Services Among Rural Elderly In Goa, India

Soniya Nagueshkar, Assistant Professor in Economics, Narayan Zantye College of Commerce, Bicholim, Goa

Geetanjali Achrekar, Associate Professor of Economics, GVM's Gopal Govind Poy Raiturcar College of Commerce & Economics, Ponda, Goa

Low Enrolment and High Dropout among Children with Disabilities in India: Evidence from the NSS 76th Round and UDISE+ 2023-24

Harsh Raj, Assistant Professor, Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi

Beyond Modern Medicine: Drivers and Barriers of AYUSH Utilization in the Western Indian Himalayas

Sekharan Das, Research Scholar, Tripura University (A Central University), Agartala

Yash Pal, Field Investigator, Department of Commerce, Central University of Himachal Pradesh

Amar Latta, Assistant Professor, Shri Guru Ram Rai University

Interaction between Public and Private Health Care Providers: Shaping Equity, Quality, and Affordability of Health Services Across Urban and Rural India Jagarapu

Ramu Naidu, Professor of Economics, (Retd.), Andhra University, Institute for Development Studies (IDSAP), Visakhapatnam

Silent Exposure: The Awareness-Exposure Gap in Household Air Pollution and Its Health Consequences in Rural Eastern India

Amrendra Kumar Kushwaha, PhD Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi

Shyamasree Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi

Development from the Ground Up: Education, Health, Nutrition and Social Protection in India's Development Journey

Nandita Roy, Communications Lead, Mine Labour Protection Campaign, Jodhpur

Reimagining Urban Health and Planning in Bihar: Towards Equitable, Inclusive and Responsive Primary Healthcare

Aastha Joshi, Program Officer-Urban Health and Planning, John Snow India

Nutritional Well-being among the Tribal Communities in Assam: Determinants and Policy Implications

Indranee Phukan, Research Scholar, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Ashi Lama, Associate Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University

REGIONS, RESOURCES, AND DEVELOPMENT

Comparative Perspectives from Indian States

18:30-20:00 Technical Session 4.3

Chair **Rakesh Raman**, Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Discussants **Dev Anand Thakur**, Assistant Professor, Nalanda University
Ashish Saxena, Professor, University of Allahabad

Farmer Producer Organisations in India: Performance and Challenges

Harshita Bhasin, Visiting Researcher, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Bhim Reddy, Director, Institute for Human Development, Eastern-Regional Centre-Ranchi

Conflict, Institutional Change and School Attendance in Jammu and Kashmir

Arijita Dutta, Professor, University of Calcutta, Kolkata

Priyanka Das, Research Scholar, University of Calcutta

Agricultural Price Policy and Its Impact on Farmers' Income in India: Evidence from Indian States

Divakar Kumar, Ph.D Scholar, A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna

Vidyarathi Vikas, Assistant Professor, A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna

The Kerala Model of Development: The Lessons

Kutty Krishnan Nambiar, Prof. and Head, Dept. of Economics (Retd.) University of Calicut, Dr. John Mathai Centre, Thrissur, Kerala

Public Expenditure on Rural Development in India. An Inclusive Approach: Since 1980

Jyotsna, Professor, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College For Women, University of Delhi

Hydro-Thermal Labour: Rethinking Work under Ecological Breakdown

Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, ICFAI School of Social Sciences, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad

Madan Meher, Assistant Professor, Amity Business School, Amity University Chhattisgarh, Raipur

Understanding Happiness of Domestic Workers in the Fragmented Urban Landscape of Delhi: A Generalised Ordered Logit Analysis

Paramjeet Kaur, Professor, Shri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi

Ankita Aggarwal, Assistant Professor, Shri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi

Gurminder Kaur Arora, Professor, Shri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi

The Socio-Economic Impact of Gulf Migration in North Indian States: A Critical Analysis

Anisur Rahman, Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Short-term and Long-term Developmental Consequences of Displacement

Kanchan Mondal, Assistant Director, Land Reforms Department, West Bengal

EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

18:30–20:00	Technical Session 5.3
Chair	Pramod Kumar , Vice Chairman, IASSI and Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru
Discussants	Sayantana Nag Chowdhury , Assistant Professor, Nalanda University Soami Daya Krishnananda , Professor, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra

The Implementation of Right to Education Act in Bihar (India)

Kalyan Shankar V, Associate Professor, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune

Naveen Kumar, Ph.D Scholar, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed University)

Transforming Education through Knowledge System: Challenges and Opportunities

Kirti, Professor, College of Commerce, Arts & Science, Patliputra University, Patna

Does Homestay Memorable Tourism Experience Shapes Tourist Loyalty? A Wellbeing Centric Approach

Pawan Prasad, Research Scholar, University of North Bengal, Siliguri

Kanchan Datta, Associate Professor, University of North Bengal, Siliguri

The Ie-Ae-TNB Model: Leveraging Corporate Social Responsibility to Bridge the Industry-Academia Gap for Nation Building in India

Prem Saran Tirumalai, Assistant Professor, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra

Inter-state Disparity in School Education in Northeast India: A Comparative Assessment

Rinchin Dorjee, Research Scholar, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar

Dil Bahadur Gurung, Assistant Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar

Emotional Intelligence as a Determinant of Teacher Work Engagement: Evidence from Government Secondary Schools in Madhya Pradesh and its Implications for National Education Policy

Unnati Ubnare, Research Scholar, Dr Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University), Sagar Madhya Pradesh

Anita Kumari, Assistant Professor, Dr Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University), Sagar Madhya Pradesh

From Pratijñā to Nigamana: Evaluating the Nyāya Five-Part Syllogism as an Indigenous Framework for Media Literacy Education

Aastha Kashyap, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Student Representatives and Internal Committees: Exploring Negotiation process in the Higher Education Institutions of Delhi/NCR

Vandana, Assistant Professor, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi

DIGITAL FUTURES

Technology, Society, and Well-being in a Changing World

18:30-20:00	Technical Session 1.4
Chair	Nalin Bharti , Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna
Discussants	Anand Kumar , Assistant Professor, Nalanda University Souvik Kar , Assistant Professor, Nalanda University

Conundrum of Global North vs. Global South: In the Special Reference to the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence

Divya Rani, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Bridging the Gendered Digital Divide in India: Issues and Future Pathways

Devangana Jha, Assistant Professor, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi

Mainstreaming Data Governance: Leverage Technology for Growth of Banks

Kembai Srinivasa Rao, Adjunct Professor, Institute of Insurance and Risk Management, Hyderabad

Digital Futures and Inclusive Development: A Cross-Sectoral Analysis of Socio-Technical Integration and Human Well-being

Jilly John, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, Central University of Kerala
Kasaragod

The Impact of Digital Financial Services on Household Debt: A Large Panel Study Focusing on the Credit-Growth Procyclicality

Rashmiranjan Dash, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Chinmayananda Nath, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Krittika Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Digital Transformation and Sustainable Coffee Value Chains: Pathways to Inclusive Rural Development in India

Gayatri Behera, Research Scholar, Central University of Odisha, Koraput

Minati Sahoo, Associate Professor, Central University of Odisha

Examining the Digital Accessibility of Tribal Women Entrepreneurs in Jharkhand

Deeksha Tayal, Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Vikas Dubey, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

AI Chatbots as Dhamma Teachers: The Role of LLMs in Transmitting Pali Canon Teachings and 'Dhammapadamhikathā' Stories Online

Ven Godamune Chullanaga Thero, PhD Scholar, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Digital Transformation and Changing Consumer Behaviour in India: The Role of Demographics and Post-Pandemic Digital Adoption

Priyanka Sahu, Assistant Professor, Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering and Technology
Malda

EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

18:30–20:00	Technical Session 5.4
Chair	Kumud Kumar , Registrar, Chandragupt Institute of Management, Patna
Discussants	Harshita Bhasin , Visiting Researcher, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi Priyanka Dey , Associate Professor, Nalanda University

Experience and Reflection: A Comparative Study of Concepts of Learning in Indian and European Biographies

Bhuvani Karuppuswamy, PhD Scholar, Center for Languages and Lifeworld's (ANRF Convergence Center for Excellence for Humanities), Bengaluru

Swathi, Intern, Center for Languages and Lifeworld's (ANRF Convergence Center for Excellence for Humanities)

The Ancient Tree Of Knowledge: A Study of the Environmental Values in the Indian Knowledge System

Dev Pradhan, Student, Hansraj College, University of Delhi

From Indian Knowledge System to Artificial Intelligence: A Paradigm Shift

Harshita Gautam, PhD Scholar, Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana

Emerging Learning Spaces in the New Learning Landscape: Study of Informal Learning Spaces in Indian Architecture Institutes

Monika Saraf, PhD Scholar, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal

Shweta Saxena, Assistant Professor, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal

Early Childhood Education Driving National Development: Evaluating the Efficiency, Performance, and Practices of Early Childhood Care and Education at Anganwadi Centers- A Study in Patna District of Bihar, India

Shalini Kumari, Assistant Professor, RDM Kumarkhand, A Unit of B.N.M.U., Madhepura

Regular but Insecure: Employment Protection Deficits Among Salaried Women in India

Rohan Kumar, Research Assistant, Institute For Human Development, New Delhi

Aspirations and Capabilities of Youths in Rural Areas: Evidence from Jharkhand, India

Amit K. Giri, Assistant Professor, J.D. Women's College, Patliputra University, Patna

Longitudinal Assessment of Industrial Training Institutes in India: Evidence from Data-Driven Grading, 2023–2026

Shashi Kant Nirala, Postgraduate Scholar, Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar

Manjunatha A. V., Associate Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru

Nithyanand Aradhya, Research Associate, Institute for Social and Economic Change

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Theme 2

CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

*Venue:
Academic Spine*

09:00-11:00	Technical Session 2.4
Chair	Vandana Upadhyay , Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
Discussants	Mir Islam , Assistant Professor, Nalanda University Gaurav Pai , Adjunct Professor, FLAME University

Reclaiming the Episteme - Decolonising Indian Knowledge Traditions in Development Discourse

Aman Shrivastava, Doctoral Fellow, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

From Heritage to Development: Public Perceptions of the Contemporary Relevance of Indic Knowledge Systems for India's Viksit Bharat 2047 Vision

Sidhharrth S Kumaar, Chief Astrologer, NumroVani, Gurugram

Learning and Legislation: Divergent Conceptions of Social Order in Asian Traditions and Liberal Modernity

Nisshant Kumar M, Academic Coordinator, Center for Languages and Lifeworld's (ANRF Convergence Center for Excellence for Humanities), Bengaluru

Rachel Cintury, Intern, Center for Languages and Lifeworld's (ANRF Convergence Center for Excellence for Humanities), Bengaluru

The Politics of the Plate: Dietary Culture, Institutional Power and the Battle Over School Nutrition Programmes

Sibani Konjengbam, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

The Architecture of Aromas: The Taste of Displacement and the Tactical Resilience of Partition Refugees

Adrija Chatterjee, Student, Loreto College, Kolkata

Sanskrit-German Intellectual Encounters: Translation as a Medium of Knowledge Formation in Nineteenth Century Germany

Vivek Kumar Singh, Research Scholar, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi

Role of Customary Governance in Ensuring SDGs in North East India: A Case Study of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao in Assam

Ariful Amin Talukdar, Masters Student, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Nazia Kausar Borbhuyan, Research Scholar, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar

Beyond Yoga and Bollywood: Temple Diplomacy as Spatial Soft Power in India's Foreign Policy

Gunde Rani Sahebrao, Master's Student, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

The Influence of Amaravati Art Tradition on Sri Lankan Art and Sculptures

Hewa Matharage Yasanga Praveen Wickramasingha, Postgraduate Student, School of Historical Studies, Nalanda University, Rajgir

K. Sanduni Apsara Kottage, Postgraduate Student, School of Historical Studies, Nalanda University

Transformation of Jharkhand's Folk Literature through Digital Humanities

Kanchan Kumari, Research Scholar, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi

Rabindranath Sarma, Professor, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi

Value Chain Governance and the barriers to upgrading in the Large Cardamom Agricultural Sector in Sikkim: A Case Study of Hee Gaon, West Sikkim

Yaman Ghatani, Research Scholar, University of North Bengal, Siliguri

Kanchan Datta, Associate Professor, University of North Bengal

Theme 3

HEALTH, AND NUTRITION IN INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT

09:00-11:00	Technical Session 3.4
Chair	Surya Bhushan , Professor, Development Management Institute, Patna
Discussants	Sangita Dhal , Professor, University of Delhi Ashi Lama , Associate Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Child Malnutrition Beyond Food Availability: Maternal Roles, Women's Work and Food Choice Dynamics

Soumi Chakraborty, Student, Calcutta University, Kolkata

Mahalaya Chatterjee, Professor, Calcutta University, Kolkata

Projjwal Roy, Student, Calcutta University, Kolkata

Subhajit Nandan, Student Calcutta University, Kolkata

Tiyasha Ghosh, Student, Calcutta University, Kolkata

Public Expenditure and Human Development in India

Gohith Sunkam, Student, Macquarie University of Sydney, Australia

Manjunatha A.V., Associate Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru

State-Level Disparities in Maternal and Child Health Service Utilization in India: A Spatial and Socio-Economic Analysis Using NFHS Data

Sweta Sharan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Magadh Mahila College, Patna University

Santanu Sahu, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Patna University

Naboshree Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Manipal University, Jaipur

Security for Older Persons with Disabilities in India - A Whole-of-Society Approach

Sujoy Kanti Ghoshal, Associate Professor, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling

DBT and Mukhyamantri Maiyan Samman Yojna: A Way forward towards Social Protection and Women Empowerment - A Case Study of Jharkhand

Nilima Rosee Kullu, Assistant Professor, Ranchi Women's College

Mindful Eating Among College Students: Assessing Awareness, Practice, And Linkages with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS)

Namrata Anand, Assistant Professor, Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra

Vishakha Rajput, Student, Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Agra

Forum Dave, Assistant Professor, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Gujarat

Shaveta Sachdeva, Research Assistant, The NorthCap University, Gurugram

Public Distribution System and Household Food Security in Odisha, India: Evidence from a Chronically Deprived Region

Manesh Choubey, Professor, Sikkim University, Gangtok

Kishore Kumar Takri, Assistant Professor, Khallikote Unitary University, Odisha

Implementation and Evaluation of a Structured Epilepsy Registry for Improving Clinical Follow-up and Continuity of Care

Kirti Udayai, Associate Professor, Graphic Era (Deemed to be University), Dehradun

Piyush Kumar, Associate Professor, Graphic Era (Deemed to be University)

Dysfunctional Higher Education in India: A Case Study of Bihar

Vidarthi Vikas, Assistant Professor, A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna

Wet Climatic Exposure and Childhood Diarrhoeal Morbidity in India: A Multilevel Analysis of National Survey Data

Anurag Yadav, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi, Prayagraj

Md Juel Rana, Assistant Professor

Negotiating Absence: Left-Behind Women & Maternal Health System in Madhubani District, Bihar, India

Dharini Mishra, Independent Scholar

Undernutrition and Obesity: Socioeconomic Inequalities among Tribal Adults in India

Bikram Barman, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Human Development, Eastern Regional Centre- Ranchi

Theme 4

REGIONS, RESOURCES, AND DEVELOPMENT

Comparative Perspectives from Indian States

09:00-11:00	Technical Session 4.4
Chair	Alok Kumar Mishra , Professor, University of Hyderabad
Discussants	Bornini Lahiri , Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Monikinkini Basu , Associate Professor, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata

Temporal and Spatial Analysis of National Family Health Survey Indicators in India

Agrima Srivastava, Master's Student, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad

Manjunatha A.V., Associate Professor Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru

Measuring Women's MSME Development in India: A State-Level Comparative Analysis

Anupriya, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, B.R.A Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

Rosy Sulochana, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, B.R.A Bihar University, Muzaffarpur Bihar

Economic Disruption and its Implications on Household Savings

Sanjay Kumar, Research Scholar, National Institute of Technology, Durgapur

Srijana Tamang, Senior Research Scholar, National Institute of Technology, Durgapur

Amlan Ghosh, Professor, National Institute of Technology, Durgapur

Agribusiness MSMEs and Rural Development in India: A Systematic Review of Constraints, Capabilities and Emerging Opportunities

Aditya Raj, PhD Scholar, School of Agri Business & Rural Management, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur

Sanjeet Sameer, Associate Professor, School of Agri Business and Rural Management, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa

The Role of Public Policy in Addressing Interstate Disparities in India: An Evaluation of Fiscal Transfers and Regional Development Programmes

Ravikumar Gogulamudi, Assistant Professor, KLEF Deemed to be University, Vijayawada
Arpitha Padhi, Student, Nalanda University

Re-Examination of Declining Female Labourforce Participation Trends in India: Has it Really Been Declining?

Biplab Dhak, Assistant Professor, A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna

Gender Wage Inequality in India: Trends, Determinants and Decomposition Analysis

Rashi Jain, PhD Scholar, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune
K.S. Hari, Professor, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics

Density Without Demand? Rethinking Higher Education Access and Enrolment Participation in Pune and the Delhi-NCR Corridor

Dakshita Sangwan, Associate Professor, G.D. Goenka, Gurugram, Haryana
Abhilash Aggarwal, Assistant Professor, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, Pune, Lavasa Campus

SDGs and Rehabilitation Policy: Are Dam-Induced Displaced Communities Being Left Behind?

Aparna Nanda, Research Scholar, Central University of Odisha, Sunabeda
Minati Sahoo, Associate Professor Central University of Odisha

Does Environmental Compliance Raise Productivity? Evidence from CPCB-Classified Indian Manufacturing

Akhilesh Kumar, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Suresh R, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Natural Resources, Governance and the Limits of Development in Arunachal Pradesh

Prem Taba, Assistant Professor, Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat

Local Governance and Economy in Bihar: A Study of Attitudinal Perspective on Own Source Revenue Generation in Bihar in Relation to other Indian States

Angita Kumari, CM Fellow, IIM Bodhgaya
Ankit Raj, CM Fellow, IIM Bodhgaya

Theme 5

EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

09:00–11:00	Technical Session 5.5
Chair	Seema Singh , Professor, Humanities, DTU
Discussants	Kalyan Shankar V , Associate Professor, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune A C Kuttykrishnan Nambiar , Prof. and Head, Dept. of Economics (Retd.), University of Calicut, Thrissur

Digitalisation of Education and Educational Equity: A Socio-Legal Analysis of Access to Knowledge in India

Ashutosh Kumar Srivastav, Deputy Director(Law), NIELIT South West Delhi

Social Influence, Metacognitive Engagement and Learner Autonomy in Generative-AI-Supported English Language Learning among Higher Education Students

Bhuvaneswari R., Research Scholar, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
Veliappan A, Associate Professor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University

Digital Education in India Society and Well-being

Himbala, Assistant Professor, MSM Samta College, Vaishali (Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar)

Navigating Adolescent Vulnerabilities: Practices, Challenges, and Prospects of Guidance and Counselling in Bangladeshi Secondary Schools Kazi

Faruk Hossain, Assistant Professor, Institute of Education and Research (IER), Jagannath University, Dhaka

Md. Mokarram Hossain, Lecturer, Department of Education, Noakhali University of Science and Technology

Saima Sultana, Independent Researcher, Department of Pre-primary and Primary Education, University of Dhaka

Digital Teaching Readiness in Bangladesh: An Analysis of Secondary School Teachers' TPACK Competencies

Moriom Akter, MPhil Researcher, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Monira Jahan, Professor, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Reading Theatre: Living Education System Beyond Classroom

Pallavi, PhD Scholar, Nalanda University, Rajgir

Endowment or Discrimination? Religion and the Gender Gap in Household Education Expenditure in West Bengal

Shashi Bhusan Mishra, Assistant Professor, Aliah University, Kolkata

Arijita Dutta, Professor, University of Calcutta

Role of Women's Education, Indian Knowledge System and Well-Being in Socio-Economic Development: A Study of Pakur District, Jharkhand

Sushila Hansdak, Assistant Professor, K.K.M.College, Pakur, Jharkhand

"ज्ञान लोकतंत्र, नागरिकता और कल्याण: कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता के युग में शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य तथा राज्य की बदलती भूमिका का समाजशास्त्रीय-राजनीतिक विश्लेषण"

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Ramjit Kumar, Assistant Professor (II), IMS Unison University, Dehradun

Agricultural Indigenous Knowledge of Nagaland: Bridging Tradition and Sustainable Agriculture

Merensangla Longkumer, Assistant Professor, Nagaland University

Vihoto Swu, Ph.D Scholar, Nagaland University

Anish Sunwar, Ph.D Scholar, Nagaland University

A Technology-Enabled Learning Institution (TELI) Maturity Framework for Government Teacher Education Institutes: Integrating TPACK, SAMR, and UTAUT in the North Indian Context

Suman Lata, Ph.D. Scholar, Sangam University, Bhilwara, Rajasthan

Exploring Primary Teachers' Experiences of In-Service Professional Development in Bangladesh

Mahbubur Rahman, Assistant Specialist, National Academy for Primary Education (NAPE), Mymensingh, Bangladesh

Do Vocational Training Enhance Female Labour Force Participation? Evidence from Bihar

Rajni Kumari, Research Scholar, B.R.A.Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

DIGITAL FUTURES

Technology, Society, and Well-being in a Changing World

09:00-11:00	Technical Session 1.5
Chair	Falendra Kumar Sudan , Professor, University of Jammu
Discussants	Antra Singh , Fellow and Senior Lead, Bihar Programme Office, Institute for Human Development, Patna Supriya Krishnan , Patna University, Bihar

From Colonial Knowledge to Epistemic Pluralism: Rethinking Indology in Contemporary Sociology

Renu Choudhary, Assistant Professor, College of Commerce, Arts and Science, Patliputra University, Patna

Employment and Dignity Under Beneficial Owners of Information, Automatic Identification and Surveillance Technology

Gopal Krishna, Advocate and Editor, Patna High Court and ToxicsWatch Journal, Patna

Digital Exclusion, Migration and Social Protection among Women in India's Informal Labour Economy: A Sociological Perspective on Brick-Kiln and Construction Workers

Rinku Parihar, Researcher and Social Activist, National Foundation for Social Development, Udaipur, Rajasthan

Location based Digital Platforms and its Workers: A Study in Assam

Dambaru Bhattarai, Research Assistant, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat

Gender, AI and the Future of Work - The Gendered Impacts of AI on Livelihoods in Brics Economies

Abhishek Choudhary, Research Manager, Nikore Associates, Kolkata

Mitali Nikore, Co-founder and CEO, Nikore Associates

Mozaien Tak, Assistant Research Manager, Nikore Associates

Vidishaa Mundhra, Research Intern, Nikore Associates

Mahā Devanāgarī: A Unified Unicode and IPA-Compliant Script Extension Framework for Indigenous Language Preservation, Multilingual Phonetic Rendering, and Digital Humanities

Shivam Ner, Student, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune

Artificial Intelligence, Rural Youth and Social Well-being: A Conceptual Framework for an Inclusive Digital Future

Aditi Shubham, Research Scholar, Banasthali Vidyapith, Tonk

Digital Bridges for India's Labour Economy: Technology as a Catalyst for Inclusive Development and National Prosperity

Praveen Pratap Singh, Head, Policy Analysis and Development Wing, Annu Baba Foundation

Digital Futures in Higher Education: AI Adoption and Educational Transformation in Bangladeshi Universities

Amatul Mumitu, Student, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

Imran Hossain, Student, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

Lucky Mallik, Student, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

Digital Platforms and Multi-Stakeholder Helix Ecosystems: The Microfoundations of Knowledge Creation and Resilience in Rural and Developing Economies

Raviranjana Kumar, Student, Nalanda University, Rajgir

MOOCs for Mobilising Higher education: Students perspective in India

Ritimoni Bordoloi, Assistant Professor, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati

Technology and Social Reproduction: A case of Jamshedpur

Vinay Kumar, Frontline Supervisor, Tata Steel Ltd., Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

From Collective Will to Computational Assemblages: AI and the Future of Constituent Power

Tushar Madhuram, Research Scholar, Ambedkar University, New Delhi

Artificial Intelligence for Environmental Sustainability: Pathways to Green AI and Climate Resilient Solutions

Kamily Chakma, Student, Nalanda University, Rajgir

Theme 2

CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

11:30-12:45	Technical Session 2.5
Chair	K. T. S. Sarao , Professor, Nalanda University
Discussants	Kumar Varun , Anugrah Narayan College (A.N. College), Patna Pranshu Samdarshi , Associate Professor, Nalanda University

The Role of Bulk Waste Generators in Strengthening Circular Economy in Urban Solid Waste Management: Evidence from Ahmedabad

Anil Roy, Sr. Associate Professor, Faculty of Planning, CEPT University Ahmedabad

Uttaran Bhunia, Research Intern, CEPT University

Samruddhi Ugale, Research Intern, CEPT University

Arushee Mandal, Research Intern, Faculty of Planning, CEPT University

Joan S Chacko, Research Intern, Faculty of Planning, CEPT University

Gender, Social Stratification, and Inclusive Development: Women's Labor Force Participation in India and South Africa

Nita Singh, Associate Professor, Satyawati College (Evening), University of Delhi

Assessing the Impact of Tourism on Economic Development in Far Western Province of Nepal

Giri Raj Kadayat, Association Professor, Durgalaxmi Multiple Campus, Far Western University, Nepal

Bhola Khan, Professor, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University

Socio-Economic Contributions of Navajeevan Cooperative and Its Impact on Poverty Reduction in Kailali District, Nepal

Janak Raj Joshi, Research Scholar, Durgalaxmi Multiple Campus, Far Western University, Nepal

Bhola Khan, Professor, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University

Rural Women's Empowerment: Problems and Possibilities

Rohini, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar

Exploring Economic Growth through the Lens of Social and Financial Inclusion

Sabana Parveen, Research Scholar, The University of Burdwan

Soumyananda Dinda, Professor, The University of Burdwan

Older than the Law: Mandatory CSR and the Inherited Infrastructure of Giving in The Bhilwara Textile Cluster (Rajasthan)

Pankaj Sharma, Aananda Institute of Vocational Training Rajsamand

Philippe Cadene, Professor, Université Paris Cité

Intensification without Empowerment? Gendered Time Burdens in India's Livestock Sector

Dhiraj K Singh, Research and Knowledge Management Specialist, Agricultural Economics Research Association, New Delhi

Anjani Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), New Delhi

11:30-12:45	Technical Session 2.6
Chair	Saroj Ranjan , Professor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motahari
Discussants	Rinku Parihar , Researcher and Social Activist, NFSD, Udaipur Saurav Kumar , Assistant Professor, Nalanda University

Reporting in the Mother Tongue: Regional-Language Journalism as a Mediator of Cultural Identity and Development Discourse in Bihar

Shivam Kashyap, Student (PG), Patna University

Aiman Afroz, Student (PG), Patna University

Culture, Marginality, and Development: Lived Experiences of Female Tea Garden Workers in Bangladesh

Lucky Mallik, Student, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

Amatul Mumitu, Student, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

Imran Hossain, Student, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

Animal Allegories and Cultural Identity in the Book of Dede Korkut

Esma Taskin, PhD Scholar, Nalanda University, Rajgir

Canon formation and translation of Kāmaśāstra: Institutional Power of the Colony and Politics of Othering the Self

Ansh Rishi, Student, Nalanda University, Rajgir

There is No Hindu, There is No Musalman: The Ad Dharm Movement, Sikh Egalitarianism, and the Unresolved Contradiction of Caste in Punjab

Meher Mehtani, Student, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

A Study on the Contemporary Form of Wood Carving Industry: Based on the Village of Handessa

Hiruni Nirasha Dissanayake, Student, University of Peradeniya, Kandy

Isuru Lankmal Wickramasinghe, Student, Nalanda University, Rajgir

Service Sector Employment and Social Inequalities in India: A Caste based analysis

Mainak Das, Ph.D Scholar, University of Kalyani

Anupam Hazra, Assistant Professor, University of Kalyani

Akash Kumar Mukherjee, Ph.D Scholar, University of Kalyani

Herd Mentality in Indian Stock Market: A Quantile Regression Analysis

Md. Qamar Azam, Lecturer, Government Polytechnic, Gopalganj

Mirza Allim Baig, Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

HEALTH, AND NUTRITION IN INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT

11:30-12:45	Technical Session 3.5
Chair	Nandini Mehta , Former Professor, Pataliputra University
Discussants	Pranshu Samdrishi , Associate Professor, Nalanda University Swati Dutta , Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

A Fuzzy Predictive Model to Predict the Basic Cause of Sleep Disorder in Elderly-An Early Diagnosis

Richa Pandey, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

Prachi Pandey, Associate Professor, Government Ayurvedic College, Patiala

Ritu Agrawal, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

Sweta Tewari, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Birla Institute of Technology, Patna Campus

Awareness and Adoption of ABDM among Rural Households: Empirical Evidence from Nabinagar block of Aurangabad District (Bihar)

Ritu Rani, Research Scholar, Jamshedpur Women's University, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

Self-Compassion, Mindful Eating, Eating Attitudes, and Well-Being Among Emerging Adults: An Exploratory Study.

Bhumika Satsangi, Academic Associate, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad

Namrata Anand, Assistant Professor Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Agra

Vanisha Sangwan, Final Year Post grad (M.A. Economics), Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Agra

A Review of Related Literature on Informal Workers in the Healthcare Sector of Assam

N.Chayasnigdha Singha, Research Scholar, Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya Hojai, Assam

Rupjyoti Bordoloi, Assistant Professor, Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya

Assessing the Nutritional Status of the Children in Rajasthan

Ruby, Research Scholar, NIMS University, Rajasthan

Anjum Shaheen, Assistant Professor, NIMS University, Rajasthan

Health, Nutrition and Colonial Development: Western Medicine, Public Health and the Making of a Productive Population in British Ceylon and India, c. 1850-1900

Udaya Nelum Rathnayake, PhD Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Social Isolation and Psychological Well-Being in Adults: A Narrative Review

Anamika, Officer on Special Duty, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna

The Role of Media in Creating Awareness and Access to Health and Nutrition Schemes among Rural Communities in India

Atiya Hussain, Student (PG), Patna University

Nishu Kumari, Student (PG), Patna University

Social Protection and Livelihood Insecurity among Transgender Persons in India

Sonia Prajapat, PhD Scholar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, New Delhi

REGIONS, RESOURCES, AND DEVELOPMENT

Comparative Perspectives from Indian States

11:30–12:45

Technical Session 4.5

Chair	S. Madheswaran , Former Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru
Discussants	Indrani Barpujari , Visiting Faculty, Nalanda University Anisur Rahman , Professor, Jamia Islamia University, New Delhi

Unleashing Economic Growth Potential Through Endogenized SDG Progression

Sayan Goswami, Ph.D Scholar, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan

Resources, Regional Development and Uneven Outcomes: A Case Study of Livelihood Transformation and Cultural Erosion in Malana, Himachal Pradesh

Brototy Roy, Student, University of Delhi

Beyond Resource Abundance: Institutions, Commons, and Regional Development in India

Darshna Kaur, Master's Student, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Human Capital Investment for Reaping the Demographic Dividend in India: A State Level Analysis with Special Reference to Bihar

Khushboo Kumari, Research Scholar, University Department of Economics, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

Manjaree Anand, Assistant Professor, University Department of Economics, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

Women's Labour Force Participation and Inclusive Economic Growth: Evidence and Policy Perspective from Bihar

Kajal Kumari, Research Scholar, University Department of Economics, B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur

Manjaree Anand, Assistant Professor, University Department of Economics, B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur

Khushboo Kumari, Research Scholar, University Department of Economics, B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur

Dynamics of India's Mango Sector: Production Trends and Export Performance

Soniya Kumar, Student, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) Bengaluru

Manjunatha A.V., Associate Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)

Climate Vulnerability, Migration, and the Political Economy of Bride Trafficking in Eastern India: A Governance-Centric Analysis

Bittu Kumar Sharma, Research Scholar, Patna University

Spatial Patterns of Employment Diversification Across Districts of Bihar

Kajal Verma, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Patna University

Measuring Volatility in the Indian Stock Market and Exchange Rate

Khusboo, PhD Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari

EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

11:30–12:45	Technical Session 5.6
Chair	Jyoti Chandiramani , Professor, Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune
Discussants	Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra , Department of Economics, ICFAI School of Social Sciences, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad Sujit Kumar Choudhary , Professor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari

Vocational Education, Student Aspirations, and Well-being under NEP 2020: Evidence from Secondary Schools in Delhi

Atreyee Bardhan Roy, Independent Researcher, New Delhi

Understanding Mathematics Dropout in Higher Education: Cognitive Affective Persistence Model Under Educational Psychology Theories

Kiran Kalia, Research Scholar, Manav Rachna University, Faridabad

Reclaiming Epistemic Voices: A Critical Literature Review on Epistemic Silence and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in India

Nita Kumari, Research Scholar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, New Delhi

Anapana Meditation, Education, and Adolescent Well-being in Myanmar

Swe Zin Mon, Independent Researcher, Myanmar

Education for Human Flourishing: Bridging Mauritian Education with Ancient Indian Knowledge Systems for Well-being

Durga Pariag, Student, Nalanda University, Rajgir

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GLOBAL GOALS BEYOND 2030

11:30–12:45	Technical Session 6.3
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