

Call for Papers

National Seminar

on

Sustainable Development Goals and Economic Development in India: Achievements and Future Challenges

Dates: 14 - 15 February 2026

Organized by:



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About the Seminar

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations in 2015, present a global blueprint to eradicate poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by 2030. India, as one of the fastest-growing economies and home to more than 1.4 billion people, plays a pivotal role in realizing these goals. Through national initiatives such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Skill India, and Startup India, the country has aligned its development agenda with the SDGs.

While remarkable progress has been achieved in areas like poverty reduction, renewable energy, and digital inclusion, challenges persist in inequality, employment generation, urban sustainability, and climate resilience. This seminar aims to provide a multidisciplinary platform for academics, policymakers, and researchers to

deliberate on India's SDG achievements, identify gaps, and explore strategic policy directions for inclusive and sustainable development.

Objectives

- To assess India's progress toward selected SDGs in relation to economic development.
- To understand regional disparities and policy challenges in achieving SDGs.
- To facilitate academic exchange among economists, development experts, and policymakers.
- To explore future policy directions for sustainable and inclusive development in India.

Sub-Themes

- THEME 1: Economic growth and poverty alleviation (SDG 1 & 8)
- THEME 2: Education, skill development, and employment (SDG 4 & 8)
- THEME 3: Industrial growth and infrastructure (SDG 9)
- THEME 4: Climate change and economic resilience (SDG 13)
- THEME 5: Gender and regional inequalities (SDG 5 & 10)
- THEME 6: Governance, policy planning, and institutional reforms for SDG alignment

Who Can Participate

Academics, researchers, policymakers, postgraduate and doctoral students, development practitioners, NGO professionals, and representatives from industry and civil society are invited to participate and contribute papers.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstract: Maximum 300 words, including keywords (3–5).
- Full Paper: 4,000–6,000 words, typed in Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing.
- Citation Style: APA (7th Edition).
- Submission Format: MS Word (.doc/.docx).
- Email for Submission: maurya_nk@lkouniv.ac.in.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed, and selected papers will be invited for presentation during the seminar.

Important Dates

Event	Deadline
Abstract Submission	25 December 2025
Notification of Acceptance	5 January 2026
Full Paper Submission	24 January 2026

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Publication Opportunities

Selected papers will be published in an edited volume with ISBN or in a UGC CARE-listed journal after peer review and necessary revisions.

Registration Fee

Category	Without Accommodation Amount (INR)	With Accommodation Amount (INR)	On the Spot Registration (Only limited spot without accommodation)
Faculty Members / Academicians	₹1,500	₹3,500	₹2,000
Students with Fellowship	₹1,200	₹3,000	₹1,500
PG & PhD Students	₹1,000	₹2,500	₹1,300
Industry Experts / Foreign Scholars	₹3,000	₹6,000	₹4,000

The accommodation shall be provided on twin-sharing basis to those who will register themselves before last date of registration. The payment details and registration date will be shared with the acceptance letter of the paper.

Organizing Committee

- Patron: Prof. Prof. Manuka Khanna, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Lucknow
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