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ICSSR SPONSORED · TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

GST Reforms and Impact on Rural & Urban Livelihood and Employment

DATE

27–28 November 2026

VENUE

Conference Hall, Institute of Management Studies
Banaras Hindu University, Lanka, Varanasi, U.P. 221005
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Banaras Hindu University (BHU), located in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, is one of India's leading institutions of higher education and a premier Central University. Founded in 1916 by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya with the support of Dr. Annie Besant and other eminent personalities, the university was established under the Banaras Hindu University Act, 1915. Since its inception, BHU has made significant contributions to education, research, science, culture, and national development.

ABOUT ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) is an autonomous organisation established by the Government of India in 1969 to promote and strengthen research in the social sciences. Its primary objective is to encourage high-quality, multidisciplinary research that contributes to a better understanding of social, economic, political, and cultural issues affecting Indian society.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

The Goods and Services Tax (GST), introduced as a landmark indirect tax reform, has significantly transformed India's economic and business environment. While GST promises unified taxation and transparency, its practical implications—particularly on small businesses, informal sectors, rural enterprises, MSMEs, service providers, and emerging entrepreneurs—require careful academic enquiry. The proposed seminar aims to provide a scholarly platform for academicians, policymakers, students, researchers, entrepreneurs, and practitioners to deliberate on the socio-economic consequences of GST reforms.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

1. To analyze the evolution and recent reforms under the GST framework.
2. To examine GST's impact on rural and urban livelihoods, employment structures, and business ecosystems.
3. To explore challenges faced by MSMEs, start-ups, cottage industries, and informal sector workers.
4. To understand the administrative, technological, and compliance-related issues under GST.
5. To bring together experts to discuss policy measures, future reforms, and sustainable livelihood strategies.
6. To encourage students and researchers to engage in policy-oriented studies related to taxation and employment.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- ✓ Creation of a comprehensive knowledge base on GST's socio-economic effects.
- ✓ Policy recommendations to support rural and urban enterprises.
- ✓ Strengthened collaboration between academia and industry.
- ✓ Publication of seminar proceedings / edited volume (if approved).
- ✓ Enhanced student capacity on taxation, compliance, and livelihood studies.

INVITED EMINENT SPEAKERS

Academicians, economists, policymakers, taxation experts, industry professionals, and practitioners will deliberate on GST reforms, rural and urban livelihoods, employment, MSMEs, entrepreneurship, and emerging policy challenges.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

A GST Structure & Reforms

- Evolution of GST in India
- Recent amendments and policy changes
- GST and digital governance
- GST return filing, e-invoicing, and compliance challenges

B Impact on Rural Livelihood

- GST and agriculture-linked enterprises
- Cottage industries, handicrafts, rural artisans
- Rural MSMEs and micro-entrepreneurs
- GST influence on rural employment generation

C Impact on Urban Livelihood

- GST and service sector employment
- Implications for start-ups and corporate entities
- Urban informal sector workers: street vendors, small traders
- Women and youth employment trends under GST regime

D Comparative Rural–Urban Perspectives

- Income patterns
- Market opportunities
- Cost and pricing structures
- Access to technology and compliance systems

E Policy Insights

- Challenges in implementation
- Role of government agencies
- Recommendations for inclusive livelihood and employment growth

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- ✓ Academicians
- ✓ Researchers
- ✓ Students
- ✓ Policymakers
- ✓ Entrepreneurs
- ✓ Practitioners

Shared accommodation for outstation participants. TA as per ICSSR & BHU rules (subject to funds).

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission	Acceptance Notice	Last Date to Register	Full Paper Submission	Seminar Dates
12 Nov 2026	15 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	22 Nov 2026	27–28 Nov

₹ REGISTRATION FEE

Students / Research Scholars	₹ 1,250
Faculty / Academicians	₹ 1,700
Others	₹ 2,000

PAYMENT DETAILS

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GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

- ☑ Original research papers are invited
- ☑ Abstract: max 500 words, 5 keywords
- ☑ Full paper: max 6,000 words incl. references
- ☑ MS Word, A4, Times New Roman, 12 pt
- ☑ References in APA (latest edition)
- ☑ Strict anti-plagiarism policy
- ☑ Best Paper Award for each main theme

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