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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

INTEGRATING URBAN, RURAL AND TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: VISION FOR VIKSIT BHARAT@2047

The theme of the international conference stands as a critical platform for addressing the multidimensional challenges and opportunities inherent in realizing a developed India (Viksit Bharat) and a developed world (Viksit Vishav) vision. It aims to bridge the developmental gaps between diverse geographical and socio-cultural landscapes, while aligning with the global agenda for achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations have laid the foundation for global development with a focus on ending poverty, safeguarding the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all. India, as one of the most populous and diverse countries in the world, faces unique challenges in integrating urban, rural, and tribal development to meet these global objectives.

India's development trajectory must address the needs of diverse populations across different geographies, ensuring that no one is left behind. This requires integrating urban, rural, and tribal areas in a way that fosters inclusivity, economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social justice. The Government of India, under the vision of "Viksit Bharat @ 2047," seeks to position India as a developed nation by its centenary of independence. To realize this vision, it is imperative to design and implement a holistic approach that connects urban, rural, and tribal regions in a sustainable manner.

Viksit Bharat @ 2047 envisions a future where all regions, including rural, urban, and tribal areas, develop harmoniously, ensuring balanced growth, equitable opportunities, and resilience. With over 68% of India's population residing in rural areas and about 10% belonging to tribal communities, the need to bring these segments into mainstream development is essential for achieving true national development. Urbanization and rural-tribal integration present complex challenges but also offer opportunities to create a harmonious ecosystem for sustainable development.

This conference recognizes the distinct developmental trajectories of urban, rural and tribal regions, while emphasizing the imperative of integrated strategies among the three domains. Urban centers, which are often perceived as economic growth engines, also grapple with challenges of rapid urbanization, infrastructural deficits, industrial pollution and environmental degradation. Countryside rural areas, considered as backbone of agricultural economies, usually face issues of poverty, lacking access to essential services and climate vulnerabilities. Tribal communities, considered as custodians of invaluable cultural heritage and ecological knowledge, do encounter marginalization, resource exploitation and threatening their traditional living. Integrating all the three disparate domains, (i.e., urban, rural and tribal) is not merely a matter of administrative convenience, it's a fundamental necessity for achieving sustainable development. For instance, urban areas depend on rural and tribal regions for food, water, and natural resources; conversely, rural and tribal communities benefit from urban infrastructures, technologies and market access. A

comprehensive and integrated approach is therefore essential to ensure that developmental initiatives and policies mutually reinforcing and contribute to balanced and equitable society.

International conference on the theme: “Integrating Urban, Rural and Tribal Development for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Vision for Viksit Bharat@2047”, targets to provide a platform to national and international academicians, policymakers, community leaders and scholars to discuss, debate and devise actionable strategies for attaining integrated growth and sustainable development by achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. United Nations agenda 2030 for sustainable development comprising the 17 SDGs, provide a comprehensive framework for addressing the national and global challenges. The conference aims to align urban, rural and tribal development strategies with these SDGs, focusing on areas such as poverty eradication; food security; health and well-being; quality education and gender equality; cleaner energies; decent work and economic growth; innovations, industries and infrastructure; reducing inequalities, sustainable and resilient cities; responsible consumption and production; climate action; biodiversity conservation; peace, justice and stronger institutions; and partnerships for achieving these goals. The main objectives of this international conference are:

- To analyze the present scenario of urban, rural and tribal development and finding innovative strategies to integrate these sectors in achieving sustainable growth and SDGs.
- To highlight the role of technology, traditional knowledge and innovations in achieving the SDGs and sustainable development.
- To empower women, youth, and marginalized groups in urban, rural, and tribal areas, ensuring active participation in the development process.
- To discuss how inclusive development, bridging the urban-rural-tribal divide, is key to achieving a developed India by 2047 along with exploring and promoting international collaborations for achieving Viksit Bharat@2047 vision.

Target participants

Researchers, academicians, scholars across a broad range of multidimensional and multidisciplinary subjects, not limited to geography, sociology, economics, psychology, political science, history, disaster studies, environmental science, sustainability studies, ecology, environmental sciences, urban-rural studies, tribal studies, public health, demography, and other allied disciplines. Varied participants from Policy institutes, think tanks, NGOs and various government organizations.

Requirement: Valid ID Proof (for Students and Scholars), Passport and Visa (International Participants). For Visa procedure, foreign participants are requested to go through the Indian Embassy Website for visa fees and exemptions which may vary depending upon the country of origin. A Letter of Acceptance will be sent to the participants upon acceptance of the abstract/paper to facilitate getting their visas and attending the conference. However, it is the responsibility of the participants to do the whole process in the Indian Embassy located in their respective country.

FOCAL THEME

Integrating Urban, Rural and Tribal Development for achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Vision for Viksit Bharat@2047

SUB-THEMES

Integrated Urban, Rural and Tribal Developments

Addressing health disparities between urban, rural, and tribal populations
Addressing sanitation challenges through community-based solutions
Applications of Geoinformatics in urban-rural and tribal development
Diversification of rural livelihoods beyond agriculture
Empowering youth through employment opportunities and entrepreneurship
Empowering women in urban, rural and tribal settings
Enhancing market access for rural and tribal communities
Enhancing community participation in decision-making through urban, rural, and tribal integration
Indigenous/Traditional knowledge and Conservation practices
Land Knowledge Integration
Promoting economic empowerment in marginalized communities
Protecting tribal cultures, traditions and traditional knowledge in the development process
Poverty, Inequality, and Health
Renewable energy solutions for urban, rural, and tribal areas
Sustainable agricultural practices for rural and tribal development
The role of cultural heritage in sustainable development
Water conservation techniques for rural and tribal regions
Role of technology in urban and rural infrastructure development
Skill development initiatives for bridging the urban-rural and tribal divide
Smart cities and smart villages: Integrating sustainability in regional development planning
Telemedicine and e-health solutions for remote communities

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Environmental Hazards, Vulnerability, and Disaster Research for development
Sustainable Cities and Communities
Sustainable urban/rural water management practices
Sustainability in Built Environment
Papers related to individual themes on urban/rural/tribal developments with respect to SDGs.
SDG 1: No Poverty
SDG 2: Zero Hunger
SDG 3: Good Health and Well Being
SDG 4: Quality Education
SDG 5: Gender Equality
SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

SDG 13: Climate Action
SDG 14: Life below Water
SDG 15: Life on Land
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
SDG 17: Partnership for the goals

Viksit Bharat@2047

Addressing gender disparities through policy interventions
Climate Change and Sustainability Issues
Emerging Geopolitical Issues: International Relations/Trade, Terrorism, and National Security
Gender and Development for Viksit Bharat
Geopolitics and International Relations for Viksit Bharat
Geoinformation Science for Geographers and Development: From Data to Artificial Intelligence
Geographical Information System and Environmental Sustainability
Global Environmental Challenges and its Management
Green Infrastructure: Blue, Green spaces and Green Economy
Institutions and Governance for Viksit Bharat
Inter-Community and Inter-Cultural studies
Land and Water Ecosystem for Viksit Bharat
Oceans: Resource Potential Regions
Population, Migration, and Development
Promoting organic farming and sustainable agricultural practices
Promoting women's leadership in sustainable development
Social inclusion through equitable development practices
Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Natural Resource Management
Strategies for reducing urban-rural and tribal inequalities
Strengthening healthcare access in underserved areas
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Viksit Bharat (Developed India)
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Viksit Vishav (Developed World)

Case Studies from other countries with reference to integrated developments and SDGs

Call for Papers

Original research papers are invited for oral/poster presentation on the various themes and sub-themes, exclusively thematic papers/ empirical studies, working papers, research papers, review papers, policy papers, concepts papers and case studies. The abstracts should be in editable MS word format, Times New Roman, font size 12, 1.5 spacing & should not exceed 300 words. The full papers should not exceed 5000-7000 words. The research papers should adhere to the standard academic format, clearly outlining the following sections in this order: the need for the study, objectives of the study, methodology, data analysis techniques, findings/results, conclusions, and references. This structure will ensure clarity and consistency in presenting the research. Abstracts can be submitted using the following link:

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