



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
GURUGRAM UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM,
Haryana, India



Organises

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

**HUMAN WELL-BEING BEYOND GDP: TOWARDS
HOLISTIC MEASURES OF DEVELOPMENT FOR
VIKSIT BHARAT @2047**

Date: February 13, 2026





About the University

The Gurugram University, Gurugram which is a State University came into existence on the 30th May, 2017 under the provision of Haryana Act. No. 17 of 2017. The university is providing academic leadership in the region to satisfy the need and the desire of the students who want to explore their creative intellect and learning aptitude in various Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctoral programs.

The university has 62 affiliated colleges with more than 50,000 students enrolled in 91 programs offered by the University to provide diversified career options at national and global level. The Gurugram University is striving to be one of the most prestigious University in Haryana and is likely to be a microcosm of the Indian nation, drawing students from every nook and corner of the country and from every group and stratum of society. The aim of the Gurugram University is to produce among the best-in-class knowledge creators, problem solvers and process managers, who also display deep social, cultural, ecological and national sensitivity, are collaborative leaders and responsible citizens.

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics in the University was established in the year 2019 with the vision to equip economics graduates with strong theoretical foundation along with industrial and corporate experience to train them for future employment in multinational companies apart from research organizations and academic institutions. The Department is currently running Masters in Applied Economics with two specializations, i.e., Finance and International Trade and Business. It is one of uniquely designed applied economics programme which focuses on the application of economic theories in diverse array of occupations. The Department is facilitated with well qualified faculty from some of the top central and state universities of India with notable research experience. The students are required to take up summer internships in different organizations for corporate and research training. The Department also invites distinguished speakers from reputed national and international organizations for interactions with students. The students are taken for visit to industrial expos to inculcate entrepreneurial skills in them. The alumni of this Department have successfully qualified the UGC-NET and JRF exams and many are working with different reputed companies.

About the Conference

The conference aims to critically examine the limitations of Gross Domestic Product as the sole measure of development and highlight the need for comprehensive frameworks that integrate social, cultural, environmental, and human dimensions of progress. While GDP reflects the economic output of a nation, it often overlooks crucial aspects such as health, education, sustainability, equality, happiness, and overall quality of life.

The conference seeks to provide a platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, and students to engage in meaningful dialogue on rethinking the concept of development. The areas of study will cover a wide range of sub-themes, including inclusive growth and social justice, human capital formation through health and education, environmental sustainability and green GDP, governance and institutional well-being, culture and spirituality as dimensions of happiness, and the impact of technology and digital transformation on quality of life. Special emphasis will be placed on creating new development indices that can capture India's diverse socio-economic realities and aspirations.

Looking ahead, the conference aspires to contribute towards building a holistic and inclusive policy framework for India. By integrating theoretical constructs with empirical evidence, it will encourage innovative research, foster academic-industry-policy linkages, and create actionable insights for sustainable and equitable development. The future goal is not only to redefine development metrics but also to ensure that India's growth trajectory incorporates environmental sustainability, social equity, cultural richness, and citizen well-being as its core priorities. In doing so, the conference will act as a knowledge-sharing hub to guide policymakers and stakeholders in shaping a resilient, inclusive, prosperous and holistic development.

Objectives of the Conference



The conference aims to critically analyze the limitations of GDP as a measure of development and explore holistic indicators of human well-being. It seeks to examine the interlinkages between economic growth, social equity, health, education, and the environment. The conference also focuses on India's development challenges and opportunities in the context of Viksit Bharat @2047. Further, it aims to promote inclusive and people-centric growth through interdisciplinary dialogue.

To critically analyze the limitations of GDP as a measure of development and explore alternative holistic indicators of well-being.

To study the interlinkages between economic growth, social equity, health, education, environment, institutions, and culture in shaping human well-being.

To discuss India's developmental challenges and opportunities in the context of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

To promote interdisciplinary research and policy recommendations for sustainable, inclusive, and people-centric growth.

To facilitate dialogue among scholars, practitioners, and policymakers for designing an Indian Well-being Index as a roadmap for future progress.

Themes and Sub-Themes



- ***Human Capital and Quality of Life***

Encompassing health (including mental health), education reforms and skill development, happiness indices, work-life balance, and measuring human capital productivity.

Incorporates universal healthcare access (like Ayushman Bharat), digital learning, and successful state examples to showcase integrated human development.

- **Inclusive Economic Transformation and Infrastructure**

Combining industry, infrastructure, urbanization, regional economic growth, MSMEs, sustainable industrialization, connectivity, housing, and urban-rural linkages.

Emphasizes smart and inclusive cities for regional and local development that improves both economic output and social inclusion.

- **Financial Inclusion and Economic Security**

Addressing universal banking and credit schemes (e.g., Jan Dhan Yojana), digital payments and fintech, insurance and pension reforms, microfinance and women's empowerment, and reducing regional disparities in financial access.

- **Governance, Culture, and Global Engagement**

Encompassing transparent and accountable governance, public service delivery, judicial reforms, local self-government, civic participation, trust in institutions, India's soft power and diplomacy, and the role of culture, spirituality, and social cohesion in well-being.

- **Digital, Environmental, and Future-Ready Development**

Covering digital infrastructure, digital literacy and equity, cybersecurity, AI and big data governance, environmental sustainability with SDG alignment, green GDP, renewable energy, climate resilience, and the One Health approach.

- **Food, Nutrition, and Sustainable Agriculture**

Linking agriculture to nutrition security with a focus on sustainable practices, institutional roles, farmer income enhancement, agri-business entrepreneurship, and access to credit and markets.



Targeted Participants

Professionals, Academicians, Researchers, M.Phil/Ph.D, P.G. students from universities/ research institutes, government and non- government organizations and their affiliated institutions and networks

Important Dates

Submission of Abstract : Jan 23rd ,2026

Submission of Full Paper : Jan 31st , 2026

Students/Research Scholars: ₹500/-

Corporates/ Teachers/Academicians: ₹1000/-

International Delegates: ₹2000/-

Registration Fee

Guidelines for Submission

- The author(s) may send full-length original research paper(s) along with a brief bio-data.
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