



**International Conference**  
*on*  
**“Contemporary Issues of Economic Development”**

*Organized by*

Department of Economics & Politics  
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan  
in collaboration with  
National Stock Exchange, Mumbai

**26-27 February 2026**

**Programme Schedule**

**DAY 1: 26 February 2026**

**09:00 AM- 9:30 AM: Registration** (Venue: Department of Economics & Politics)

**09:30 AM - 10:30 AM: Inauguration** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**10:30 AM - 10:45 AM: Group Photo Session**

**10:45 AM - 11:00 AM: Coffee Break**

**11:00 AM - 12:00PM: Plenary Lecture 1**(Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**Speaker: Prof. Sugata Marjit**, Hong Kong Polytechnic University & STAREBS, India

**Title:** Inequality, Imperfect Credit Market and Interest Rate Volatility

**Chair:** Prof. Sarbajit Sengupta (Retd.), Visva-Bharati

**12:00 PM- 12:05 PM: Tea Break**

**12:05 PM-1:05 PM: Plenary Lecture 2**(Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**Speaker: Dr. Tirthankar Patnaik**, National Stock Exchange, Mumbai

**Title:** Retail Investors: The Transformative Force in India’s Capital Markets

**Chair:** Prof. Sugata Marjit, Hong Kong Polytechnic University & STAREBS, India

**01:05 PM - 02:00 PM: Lunch Break**

**02:00 PM - 03:00 PM: Plenary Lecture 3**(Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**Speaker: Prof. Kausik Gupta, University of Calcutta**

**Title:** Rethinking Social Protection of Cultural Gig Workers: A Theoretical Construct

**Chair:** Prof. Bidhan Chandra Roy, Chair Professor, AKD center for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati

**03:00 PM - 03:15 PM: Tea Break**

**03:15 PM - 04:35 PM: Parallel Technical Sessions I (PTS)** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana)

**PTS IA (Offline): Theme: Trade & Open-Economy Macroeconomics** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**PTS IB (Offline): Theme: Health & Human Development** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Smart class room)

**PTS IC (Online): Theme: Theme: Labour Market & Social Inclusion**

(link: <https://meet.google.com/ssv-gnno-gtj>)

**04:40 PM - 06:00 PM: Parallel Technical Sessions II (PTS)** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana)

**PTS IIA(Offline): Theme: Digital Economy & Artificial Intelligence** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**PTS IIB(Offline): Theme: Labour Market & Gender Inequality** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Smart class room)  
**PTS IIC (Offline): Theme: Structural Transformation and Employment** (Venue: Economics Class room, Vidhya Bhavana)

**07:00 PM: Dinner**

**DAY 2:27 February 2026**

**9:30 AM - 10:30AM: Plenary Lecture 4** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**Speaker: Prof. Ranajoy Bhattacharyya**, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

**Title: Impact of US visa rules on Developing Countries: A Theoretical Analysis**

**Chair: Prof. Saikat Sinha Roy**, Jadavpur University

**10:30 AM- 10:35 AM: Tea Break**

**10:35 AM- 11:35 AM: Plenary Lecture 5** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**Speaker: Dr. Saikat Ghosh**, Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories, Germany

**Title: From Home to Classroom: Direct and Indirect Consequences of Gender Discrimination on Education in India**

**Chair: Prof. Ranajoy Bhattacharyya**, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

**11:35AM to 01:35 PM: Parallel Technical Sessions III** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana)

**PTS IIIA (Offline): Theme: Agriculture & Environment**, (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**PTS IIIB (Offline): Theme: Firm Dynamics & Entrepreneurship** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Smart class room)

**PTS IC (Online): Theme: Finance, Trade & Macroeconomic Policy**

(link: <https://meet.google.com/zuo-wvud-adw>)

**01:35 PM - 02:30 PM: Lunch Break**

**02:30PM – 04:30PM: Technical Sessions IV**

**PTS IVA (Offline): Theme: Macroeconomics & Structural Change** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall)

**PTS IVB (Offline): Development & Social Outcomes** (Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Smart class room)

**PTS IVC (Online): Theme: Theme: Development, Environment & Welfare,**

(link: <https://meet.google.com/heh-ryef-mun>)

**04:30 PM - 04:45 PM: Tea Break**

**04:45 PM - 05:15 PM: Valedictory Session**

## **PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS (PTS)**

**26 February 2026, 03:15 PM - 04:35 PM: Parallel Technical Sessions (PTS) I**  
**Parallel Technical Session IA (Offline): Theme: Trade & Open-Economy Macroeconomics**  
**Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall**

*Chair: Dr. Amit Kumar Biswas, Visva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Dr. Madhabendra Sinha, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Tariff Liberalization and Choice Between Integration and Fragmentation	<b>Diptarghya Bhattacharjee</b> Visva-Bharati
Gains from Technology Transfer in a Model with Vertical and Horizontal Specialisation	<b>Ranjabati Chakraborti</b> Jadavpur University
Oil Price Shock, Macroeconomic Dynamics and Sectoral Adjustment in India: A Two-Sector DSGE Approach	<b>Pramit Roy</b> OP Jindal Global University
Economic Sanctions and Income Inequality: The Russian Experience in the Aftermath of the Crimean Crisis	<b>Jeet Saha</b> University of North Bengal

### **Parallel Technical Session IB (Offline): Theme: Health & Human Development**

**Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Smart Class Room**

*Chair: Dr. Soumyadip Chattopadhyay, Visva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Ms. Debasree Pal, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Multidimensional Assessment of Women's Well-Being within the Framework of Capability Approach: An Empirical Study with Special Reference to South Salmara Mankachar District of Assam	<b>Barnali Das</b> University of North Bengal
Race to the Bottom: Spatial Inequalities in Full Immunization Coverage in India- Northeast or BIMARU?	<b>Sushma Subba</b> Rabindra Bharati University
Identification of the Proper Status of Private Health Insurance Scheme in India and How this Sector Can be Expanded?	<b>Sanjib Karmakar</b> Jadavpur University
Building Water Accounts: Physical Supply and Use Tables for India's Water Resources	<b>Raktimava Bose</b> NCAER, Delhi

### **Parallel Technical Session IC (Online): Theme: Labour Market & Social Inclusion**

**Link: <https://meet.google.com/ssv-gnno-gtj>**

*Chair: Dr. Santadas Ghosh, Visva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Dr. Achiranshu Acharya, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Unemployment, Poverty and Economic Inequality among the Upcountry Tamils of Sri Lanka	<b>HPI Nadeeshani</b> University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka
Care-Burdened Growth: Structural Transformation and the Limits of Women's Employment in India	<b>Shirin Akhter</b> Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi

Closing the Gender Gap in Indian Higher Education: Three Decades of Convergence and Persistent Inequalities	<b>Noopur Verma</b> RBBM College, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University
Beyond Survival: Integrating Street Vendors into India's Labour Market and Policy Framework	<b>Suresh Mathew George</b> St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, Kerala
Assessment of Socio-Economic Conditions and Demographics of Closed Tea-Garden Labourers in Dooars, West Bengal	<b>Samuel Tamang</b> Sikkim University
Agricultural Marketing, Marketable Surplus and Its Determinants: A Case Study of Birbhum District in West Bengal	<b>Moumita Maitra,</b> Visva-Bharati

### **Parallel Technical Sessions (PTS) II**

**Time: 04:40 PM - 06:00 PM:**

**Parallel Technical Session IIA (Offline): Theme: Structural Transformation and Employment**

**Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall**

*Chair: Prof. Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay, Visva-Bharati &*

*Co-Chair: Dr. Madhabendra Sinha, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Youth Labour Market Outcomes in India: A Triple Hurdle Analysis	<b>Indranath Chatterjee</b> Presidency University, Kolkata
Horizontal Collaboration in MSME clusters: An empirical Exploration	<b>Rahul pal</b> Visva- Bharati
Duopoly Dynamics in Automobile Industry: A comparative analysis of Optimal environmental Policy	<b>Niladri Saha</b> Visva-Bharati
Determinants of Graduate Unemployment in India: Evidence from the Periodic Labour Force Data	<b>Khalid Khan</b> Kazi Nazrul Islam Mahavidyalaya, Asansol

**Parallel Technical Session IIB (Offline): Theme: Labour Market & Gender Inequality**

**Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Smart Class Room**

*Chair: Prof. Saumya Chakrabarty, Viva-Bharati & Co- Chair: Dr. Biswajit Halder, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Globalisation, Gender Pay Gap and Labour Market Outcomes: A General Equilibrium Analysis	<b>Srijit Kumar Mondal</b> St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
What Hold Women Back from Working Outside their Homes? A Study on India	<b>Surosree Nath</b> Presidency University, Kolkata
Balancing the U-Curve: Gender Economic Parity and Child Labour in Developing Economies	<b>Pragyan Paramita Sahoo</b> IIT Kharagpur

Gendered Dimension of Purple Economy: Exploring Time Use Surveys in India	<b>Debika Som</b> St. Xavier's College, Burdwan
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**Parallel Technical Session IIC (Offline): Theme: Digital Economy & Artificial Intelligence**  
**Venue: Economics Class room, Vidya Bhavana**

*Chair: Prof. Biswajit Mandal, Visva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Dr. Priya Brata Dutta, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Optimal Hybrid Decision-Making of Platforms: Cost–Accuracy Trade-offs Between AI Prediction and Human Judgment	<b>Ahona Roy</b> St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
A Comparative Analysis between Gig Workers using a Digital Platform and those without using any Digital Platform	<b>Sayantani Santra</b> Jadavpur University
Inter-Generational Change in Rural Livelihoods in Sikkim and Hilly Regions of West Bengal	<b>Bicky Sharma</b> Visva-Bharati
Impact of UPI Adoption on Household Consumption: A Copula-Based Analysis	<b>Debasis Rooj</b> FLAME University, Pune

**PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS (PTS)**

**27 February 2026, 11:30AM –1:30 PM: Parallel Technical Sessions (PTS) III**

**Parallel Technical Session IIIA (Offline): Theme: Agriculture & Environment**

**Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall**

*Chair: Prof. Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay, Visva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Dr. Anamika Moktan, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
From Sanitary Napkins to Sustainable Menstrual Products: Challenges and Policy Perspectives from India	<b>Piya Ghosh and Sangita Das</b> Syamaprasad College, Kolkata
Impact Of Flood-Tolerant Rice Variety Adoption: Evidence from Central Assam, Northeast India	<b>Christopher Tirkey</b> Sikkim University
Do Modern Malt Barley Cultivars Reduce Growers' Economic Risk? Evidence From Southern Idaho	<b>Chanchal Pramanik</b> University Of Idaho, USA
Crop Diversification and Rural Livelihoods: A study of selected districts in West Bengal	<b>Swapnani Mukherjee</b> Visva-Bharati
Household Energy Efficiency: Adoption And Implications	<b>Bidisha Chatterjee</b> St. Xavier's College Burdwan
Measuring Disparities in Distribution of Formal Agricultural Credit Across Major States in India	<b>Ekta Hirawat</b> University of Calcutta

**Parallel Technical Session IIIB (Offline): Theme: Firm Dynamics & Entrepreneurship****Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Smart Class Room***Chair: Prof. Sudipta Bhattacharya, Visva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Dr. Madhabendra Sinha, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Factors in the Determination of “Missing Middle” in Indian Manufacturing	<b>Suraj Das</b> Coochbehar Polytechnic
Emergence of MSMEs and Decline of Permanent Structured Service with Statutory Benefits: A Critical Study of the Indian Economy (1991–2024)	<b>Anjana Roy</b> , THK Jain College; <b>Sumedha Majumder</b> , Kabi Sukanta Mahavidyalaya; and <b>Dilip Barik</b> , Lalbaba College
Determinants of Migrant Entrepreneurship in India: Evidence from PLFS Data	<b>Farhat Naaz</b> Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata
Determinants of Small Firm Migration from the SME Board to the Main Exchange Board: The Role of Corporate Governance	<b>Sanchita Saha</b> Presidency University, Kolkata
Exporting with an Edge: Impact of Sectoral Comparative Advantage on Women Exporters	<b>Neha Rai</b> IIT Kharagpur
Oil Price Shock, Transport Service and Wage Inequality in an Oil-Importing Country	<b>Amlan Dutta</b> Jadavpur University

**Parallel Technical Session IIIC (Online): Theme: Finance, Trade & Macroeconomic Policy****Link: <https://meet.google.com/zuo-wvud-adw>, Time 3:15 PM – 5:15 PM***Chair: Dr. Achiransu Acharyya, Visva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Dr. Krishanu Pradhan, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Dynamic Asset Allocation, Portfolio Performance and Market Regimes	<b>Anindita Ghosh</b> St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata
Role of Capital Markets in Promoting Green Finance and Sustainable Economic Development in India	<b>Addagatla Divija</b> Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam
Fiscal Discipline versus Fiscal Convenience: Disinvestment and FRBM Targets in India	<b>Susmita Kalyani</b> Christ University, Delhi
Changing Global Trade Landscape: The BRICS Effect	<b>Kumar Gaurav</b> S.N. Sinha College, Magadh University
Does Adversity Always Yield Opportunity? Wage Discrimination and Trade in Global Value Chains	<b>Siddhant Mukherjee</b> Ashoka University
Unlocking Economic Growth through Inclusion: Cross-Country Financial Dimensions	<b>Sabana Parveen</b> University of Burdwan

## **27 February 2026, 02:30PM –4:30 PM: Parallel Technical Sessions (PTS) IV**

**Parallel Technical Session IVA (Offline): Theme: Macroeconomics & Structural Change**

**Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Conference Hall**

*Chair: Prof. Saumya Chakrabarty, Viva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Dr. Biswajit Halder, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Inflation Uncertainty and Sectoral Share of GDP in India: An Empirical Assessment (1961–2022)	<b>Rubul Hossain</b> Presidency University, Kolkata
Tariffs Abroad, Turmoil at Home: Can Unemployment Benefits or Agricultural Support Cushion the Blow	<b>Shouryo Basu</b> St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
Structural Transformation in Household Consumption in India: A Decadal Analysis	<b>Titi Dutta</b> West Bengal State University
From Oil Wells to Tourist Havens: Reshaping Gulf Economies	<b>Arundhati Sinha Roy</b> IIT Kharagpur
Factors Contributing Household Consumption Expenditure Inequality in India: Decomposition Analysis	<b>Dhanjit Sarkar</b> University of North Bengal
The Dynamics of Class Struggle in India's Development Discourse	<b>Ajay Kumar Mishra</b> Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar

**Parallel Technical Session IVB (Offline): Theme: Development & Social Outcomes**

**Venue: Vidya-Bhavana, Smart Class Room**

*Chair: Dr. Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay, Visva-Bharati &*

*Co-Chair: Dr. Krishanu Pradhan, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
Farmer Suicides in India: Nature, Characteristics and Way outs	<b>Rajkumar Kundu</b> Sarat Centenary College
Money Can Fill Pockets, but Joy Fills Lives: The Impact of Greater Participation in Tourism on Multidimensional Social Well-Being	<b>Subham Kumar Jha</b> University of North Bengal
Urban Transport Affordability in Lucknow, India: An Empirical Analysis of Cost, Time, and Socio-Economic Inequities	<b>Preeti Yadav</b> Visva-Bharati
“When AI Rocks the Cradle”: How the Great AI Race is Influencing Fertility Choice Across the Income Ladder	<b>Avishek Bose</b> St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
Utilisation of AYUSH Systems of Medicine among 15- to 59-year-old age group in North-East India: Study from Economic Perspectives	<b>Subham Paul</b> University of North Bengal
Regulations of Commercial Sex and International Sex Tourism	<b>Sushobhan Mahata</b> STAREBS, India

**Parallel Technical Session IVC (Online): Theme: Development, Environment & Welfare**

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*Chair: Dr. Soumyadip Chattopadhyay, Visva-Bharati & Co-Chair: Dr. Madhabendra Sinha, Visva-Bharati*

<b>Title of the Papers</b>	<b>Paper Presenter &amp; Affiliation(s)</b>
An Empirical Estimation of Vehicle Emissions in Delhi	<b>Aisha Sheikh</b> Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi
Revisiting Rainfall as an Instrument for Conflict: Evidence from India	<b>Nausheen Sodhi</b> Plaksha University, Mohali
Rural Transformation in India: Evidence from a Multivariate State-Wise Analysis	<b>Snehal Athawale</b> IEG, Delhi
A Comparative Study of Human Capability and Human Development in Kokrajhar and Baksa Districts of BTC	<b>Priyambee Swargiary</b> Assam Kaziranga University
Leaving No One Behind: Outreach Pathways for Persons with Disabilities under the Sustainable Development Goals	<b>Maniparna Syamroy</b> Asutosh College, Kolkata