



YOUNG SCHOLARS' WORKSHOP

on

“Contemporary Issues of Economic Development”

Organized by

**Department of Economics and Politics
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**

7 MARCH 2025

Programme Schedule

09:00 AM: Registration (Venue: Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan)

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM: Inauguration (Venue: Seminar Hall of the Department)

Chair: Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati; **Co-Chair:** Prof. Sirajul Islam, Principal, Vidya-Bhavana; **Chief Guest:** Prof. Sarbajit Sengupta (Retired Professor, Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati); **Presence:** Prof. Saumya Chakrabarti (HOD, Economics & Politics)

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM: Group Photo Session

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM: Coffee Break

10:30 AM - 01:00 PM: Technical Session I

Venue: Seminar Hall of the Department

Chair: Prof. Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay, Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati

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

02:00 PM - 04:30 PM: Technical Sessions II

Venue: Seminar Hall of the Department

Chair: Prof. Sudipta Bhattacharyya, Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati

04:30 PM - 05:00 PM: Valedictory

05:00 PM - 05:15 PM: Goodbye with Tea

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Technical Session I

Chair: Prof. Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay, Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati Venue: Seminar Hall of the Department Time: 10:30 AM - 01:00 PM	
1	Title of Paper: Mental Health and Education: Income and Gender-based Disparities in India Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Forum M Shah, Presidency University, Zakir Husain, Presidency University; Soumitra Shankar Datta, Tata Medical Center (Kolkata) & University College London; Abhik Ghosh, ISI Kolkata; Mousumi Dutta, Presidency University Paper Presenter: Forum M Shah Discussant: Dr. Achiransu Acharyya, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
2	Title of Paper: Finite Change Under Vanishing Sectors and Incidence of Emerging Sectors: A Generalised Perspective Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Avishek Bose, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata and Sushobhan Mahata, University of Calcutta Paper Presenter: Avishek Bose Discussant: Dr. Priya Brata Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
3	Title of Paper: On Sequencing of Economic Reforms, Policy Complementary And Substitutability, and Wage Disparity Author(s) & Affiliations(s): Sushobhan Mahata, University of Calcutta; Ranjanendra Narayan Nag, St. Xaviers University, Kolkata Paper Presenter: Sushobhan Mahata Discussant: (Retd.) Professor Sarbajit Sengupta, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
4	Title of Paper: Determinants of Rural Livelihood Diversification Strategy Choice in Response to Climate Change: A Case Study From the Eastern Himalayan Region of India Author(s) & Affiliations(s): Pranay Sharma and Dr. Govinda Choudhury, University of North Bengal Paper Presenter: Pranay Sharma Discussant: Dr. Santadas Ghosh, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
5	Title of Paper: The Double-Edged Sword: Unveiling the Impact of Women's Financial Inclusion on Intimate Partner Violence in India Author(s) & Affiliations(s): Shreemoyee Saha, IIT Hyderabad; Punarjit Roychowdhury, Shiv Nadar University; Gaurav Dhamija, IIT Hyderabad Paper Presenter: Shreemoyee Saha Discussant: Dr. Amit K. Biswas, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
6	Title of Paper: Economic Growth and Patents in OLG Economy With Generic Innovation Process Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Rudra Narayan Kushwaha and Taniya Ghosh, IGIDR Mumbai Paper Presenter: Rudra Narayan Kushwaha Discussant: (Retd.) Professor Sarbajit Sengupta, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
7	Title of Paper: Understanding the Impact of Temperature Increases on Child Malnutrition in India: A Spatial Analysis Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Anindita Namhata, Mousumi Dutta, Zakir Husain, Presidency University, Kolkata Paper Presenter: Anindita Namhata Discussant: Dr. Achiransu Acharyya, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati

Technical Session II

Chair: Prof. Sudipta Bhattacharyya, Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati Venue: Seminar Hall of the Department Time: 02:00 PM - 04:30 PM	
1	Title of Paper: How Does Panchayat Election Affect Centrally Sponsored Scheme's Allocation In West Bengal? Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Imdadul Islam Halder, Ramsaday College, Howrah, Meeta Keswani Mehra, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Paper Presenter: Imdadul Islam Halder Discussant: Prof. Saumya Chakrabarti, Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati
2	Title of Paper: Determinants of Crime in India: A District level Analysis Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Upal Das, Department of Economics and Politics and Dr. Amit Kumar Biswas, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati Paper Presenter: Upal Das Discussant: Prof. Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay, Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
3	Title of Paper: India and Bhutan: Challenges and Opportunities in Cross-Border Trade Author(s) & Affiliations(s): Uttam Lama, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru Paper Presenter: Uttam Lama Discussant: Dr. Biswajit Halder, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
4	Title of Paper: The Contribution of Human Capital and Physical Capital to Economic Growth in India: An Econometric Study Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Pinki Das and Prof. Subrata Saha, Raiganj University Paper Presenter: Pinki Das Discussant: Dr. Madhabendra Sinha, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
5	Title of Paper: Bank Lending in the Indian Housing Sector: Is the Loan Price Determination Efficient? Author(s) & Affiliations(s): Godhuli Dutta, IIM Trichy; Saumen Majumdar, IIM Trichy; and Piyush Tiwari, University of Melbourne Paper Presenter: Godhuli Dutta Discussant: Dr. Krishanu Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
6	Title of Paper: Mechanisation and Labour Demand in Farms: An Intertemporal Analysis Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Subham Kumar Jha, University of North Bengal, Sushovan Mahata, University of Calcutta and Avishek Bose, University of Calcutta Paper Presenter: Subham Kumar Jha Discussant: Niladri Saha, Research Scholar, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati
7	Title of Paper: Relative Indignities and A Pro-Education Policy: Analyzing Child Labour in a Small Developing Economy Author(s) & Affiliation(s): Shouryo Basu, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. Paper Presenter: Shouryo Basu Discussant: Avishek Bose, Research Scholar, University of Calcutta