



VISVA-BHARATI
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On

“Contemporary Issues of Economic Development”

To be organized by

Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati
Santiniketan, 731235, West Bengal

26-27 February 2026

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers (within 8000 words including Tables, Figures and References) from scholars, faculty members and researchers of all fields of Economics and Social Sciences are invited for the above mentioned conference to be held at the Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 26-27 February, 2026. Full papers with abstracts of about 200 words along with contact address, telephone/mobile no, email address and the institutional affiliation of the author(s) may be submitted by email to: vbconference2026@gmail.com within 30th January 2026.

Important Dates (Tentative):

- Last date of submission of full paper: **30th January 2026**
- Communication about selected papers: **15th February 2026**
- Last date of registration for selected participants: **20th February 2026** (details to be communicated via email)
- Dates of the conference: **26-27 February 2026**

Papers and articles are invited in all areas related to the conference theme. Topics of interest include, but not limited to:

1. Trade and Development.
2. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
3. Unemployment, Poverty and Inequality
4. Agriculture and Rural Development
5. Public Finance and Contemporary Macroeconomic Issues
6. International Trade and Global Value chains
7. Advanced issues on Money and Financial Markets

Details of Registration Fee, Travel and Local Hospitality:

- Registration fee is INR 2000 (Indian Scholars) / INR 3000 (Indian Faculty members and others) / USD 50 (SAARC Nationals) / USD 100 (Other Foreigners) for the paper presenters.
- Limited Accommodation facility may be arranged for the selected participants on request basis for the conference days only.
- Scope for online presentations for the registered participants who are unable to attend physically.
- Paper presenters will be awarded Certificate of Paper Presentation.
- Refreshments will be served on the days of the conference.
- There will be no reimbursement of travel cost.

About Visva-Bharati

Visva-Bharati was founded in 1921 by the first non-European Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Thakur (popularly known as Tagore). In May 1951, Visva-Bharati was declared to be a Central University and "An Institution of National Importance" by an Act of Parliament. It was granted the status of a unitary, teaching and residential university. The President of India is the Paridarsaka (Visitor) of the University, the Governor of West Bengal is the Pradhana (Rector) and the Prime Minister of India acts as the Acharya (Chancellor).

Nearest Railway Station: Bolpur Santiniketan (roughly 150 km from Howrah station and takes about two and half hours). **Nearest Airports:** Durgapur Airport (Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport) (70 KM, takes about one and half hours) and Kolkata Airport (164 KM and takes about four hours) .

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