



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: 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

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

Title of the Papers	Paper Presenter & Affiliation(s)
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	Barnali Das University of North Bengal
Race to the Bottom: Spatial Inequalities in Full Immunization Coverage in India- Northeast or BIMARU?	Sushma Subba Rabindra Bharati University
Identification of the Proper Status of Private Health Insurance Scheme in India and How this Sector Can be Expanded?	Sanjib Karmakar Jadavpur University
Building Water Accounts: Physical Supply and Use Tables for India's Water Resources	Raktimava Bose NCAER, Delhi

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gendered Dimension of Purple Economy: Exploring Time Use Surveys in India	Debika Som 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

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

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

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

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

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

Title of the Papers	Paper Presenter & Affiliation(s)
Farmer Suicides in India: Nature, Characteristics and Way outs	Rajkumar Kundu Sarat Centenary College
Money Can Fill Pockets, but Joy Fills Lives: The Impact of Greater Participation in Tourism on Multidimensional Social Well-Being	Subham Kumar Jha University of North Bengal
Urban Transport Affordability in Lucknow, India: An Empirical Analysis of Cost, Time, and Socio-Economic Inequities	Preeti Yadav Visva-Bharati
“When AI Rocks the Cradle”: How the Great AI Race is Influencing Fertility Choice Across the Income Ladder	Avishek Bose 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	Subham Paul University of North Bengal
Regulations of Commercial Sex and International Sex Tourism	Sushobhan Mahata 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

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