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YOUNG SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE, 2026

On the theme

Resilient India: Paradigms in Economics

Call for Papers

Submit Abstract: eco_ysc2026@pgdav.du.ac.in

Deadline: 30th March 2026

CONFERENCE DATE
APRIL 11, 2026
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

About the Conference

The global economy is currently facing a polycrisis marked by intensifying conflicts, weaponization of trade and finance, and retreating globalisation, creating uncertainty; however India has emerged as a resilient economy with a real GDP projected at 7.6% for FY26 - a three-year high and the fastest among major economies for the fourth consecutive year. The Economic Survey 2026 attributes this to strong domestic demand and improving manufacturing sector, supported by fiscal consolidation with the deficit targeted below 4.5% of GDP and tax receipts at 11.4% of GDP, enabling higher capital expenditure through a capex-led strategy to crowd-in private investment. Benign inflation due to supply-side measures and easing food and fuel prices has enabled a neutral monetary stance, with the repo rate held at 5.25% (Feb 2026), creating robust growth with anchored inflation. Sustaining momentum requires evaluating structural drivers including the external sector, labour markets, and human capital. Services exports now outpace goods, but a vibrant manufacturing sector remains vital for external stability and employment. Labour markets are transforming through digitalisation and gig work, with new Labour Codes promoting formalisation; rural employment is agriculture-led while urban employment is service-led. Agricultural diversification, digital infrastructure, climate-resilient farming, education, and health remain central to inclusive growth. The conference aims to examine these structural and policy challenges and explore emerging paradigms shaping India's economic resilience.



Keynote Speaker

Prof Mausumi Das
Delhi School of Economics

Valedictory Address by

Prof Avanindra Nath Thakur
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Best Paper Awards

1st Prize - Rs. 3000

2nd Prize - Rs. 2000

3rd Prize - Rs. 1000

Conference Sub-themes

- Macroeconomic resilience
- Fiscal policy, public finance, and fiscal federalism
- Tax reforms – direct and indirect, and their impact on the government’s resource mobilisation and expenditures
- Monetary policy and inflation – theory, experiences, and practice
- Trade partnerships and tariff shocks
- Geopolitical shocks and supply chain relocation
- The state of manufacturing, PLI schemes, and industrial dynamism
- The state of MSMEs - challenges and opportunities
- The service sector – high-value service exports
- Agriculture, rural development, and inclusive growth
- Human capital: education, health, and labour dynamics
- Employment – challenges and policies
- Climate adaptation, green transition, and the state of the environment
- Urbanisation and infrastructure
- Digitalisation and its impact on the economy
- Artificial intelligence and its impact on the economy
- Political economy of development

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline

30th March 2026

Notification of Acceptance

5th April 2026

Full Paper Submission Deadline

6th April 2026

Last Date of Fee Payment and Registration

6th April 2026

Conference Date

11th April 2026

Guidelines for Young Scholars

The conference is open to 4th-year undergraduate students enrolled in BA (Hons.) and BA (Programme) Economics Major at the University of Delhi, as well as postgraduate students, and research scholars in Economics and related disciplines from Universities across India.

Academic Standards and Submission Guidelines

Participants are required to adhere to the following academic standards to ensure the quality and relevance of the proceedings:

Authorship and Submission Limits: Each paper may have one author and a maximum of two co-authors. A person may submit and present only one paper as the lead author. However, a person may co-author several papers submitted to the Conference.

Extended Abstract Submission: Extended abstracts should be between 750 and 1000 words, clearly outlining the research objectives, methodology, and key findings.

Full Paper Requirements: Full papers should be in English, between 3,000 and 5,000 words, including references (APA style should be used). The first page of the paper should include the title of the paper, name(s) of the author(s), and their affiliation(s).

Originality: Papers must be original work.

Formatting: Submissions must be in PDF format, using Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing.

Registration Policy: At least one author must register and present the paper at the conference. Co-authors are required to register and pay the registration fee only if they wish to participate in the conference sessions and receive a certificate of participation.

**Full Papers should be sent to:
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Registration Fee Structure

Participant Category	Fee (INR)
Students of PGDAV College (M)	₹300/-
Students (UG/PG)/Research Scholars	₹500/-

Note: Registration is mandatory. After paying the registration fees, participants must complete the online registration using the link below. The registration fee includes the conference kit and meals provided during the conference.

No TA/DA will be provided for attending the conference.

Payment has to be made through NEFT/UPI transfer

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Registration link: <https://forms.gle/E33JLmwsXN9Hka3w6>

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