



NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

GST Reforms and Social-Cultural Transformation : Strengthening Tax-Society Inclusive Interface in India

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WELCOME

It gives us great pleasure to invite you all to Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu. This seminar is being conducted with the assistance from ICSSR, New Delhi from 16-18 Sep 2026 at Khajamalai Campus, Bharathidasan University. The theme of the conference is 'GST Reforms and Social-Cultural Transformation: Strengthening Tax-Society Inclusive Interface in India' with sub-themes encompassing Conceptual and Structural Foundations, Livelihoods, Informal Sector & Rural Economy, Gender, Culture and Sectoral Transformations, Social Policy and Welfare Interface, Governance and Institutional Framework, Digital Transformation and Emerging Economy, Sustainability and Future Directions related to GST. We expect participants across the country and the seminar would also felicitate the "Great Contributors" in the field of GST and its reforms in India.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Bharathidasan University established in February 1982 and was named after the great revolutionary Tamil Poet, Bharathidasan (1891-1964). The motto of the University "We will create a brave new world" has been framed from Bharathidasan's poetic words 'புதியதோர் உலகம் செய்வோம்!'. The University endeavours to be true to such a vision by creating in the region a brave new world of academic innovation for social change. The University has totally 4 Faculties, 16 Schools, 39 Departments and 29 Specialized Research Centres. There are 263 faculty members catering to 2564 students and scholars in the University. The University Departments/Schools are offering 151 programmes including 40 PG programmes in M.A., M.Sc. and M.Tech. The above programmes are conducted under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in Semesters: 31 M.Phil., 33 Ph.D., 19 P.G. Diploma, 11 Diploma and 10 Certificates. The University's supporting staff strength is 457. In addition to the regular teaching programmes in the Departments and Schools, the University under its Distance Education mode is conducting 20 UG and 21 PG programmes.

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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 2017 marked a transformative shift in India's fiscal framework, aiming to realize the vision of "One Nation, One Tax" through enhanced transparency, digital governance and cooperative federalism. Beyond tax reform, GST has significantly influenced livelihoods, informal and rural economies, MSMEs, women-led enterprises, cultural industries and welfare financing, thereby reshaping the broader tax-society interface. As India moves toward the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, GST assumes renewed significance as a fiscal instrument capable of supporting inclusive growth, sustainable development and equitable redistribution. This National Seminar aims to bring together academicians, researchers, policymakers, chartered accountants, practitioners, civil society organizations, SHGs and students from diverse disciplines to critically examine GST reforms through economic, social, cultural, legal and technological perspectives. The seminar seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, generate evidence-based policy insights and contribute to building a more inclusive and socially responsive taxation framework in India.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

- To understand the evolution and structural dimensions of GST in India.
- To analyze the social, economic and cultural implications of GST reforms.
- To assess the implications of GST on livelihoods, MSMEs, rural communities and women-led enterprises.
- To explore the interface between GST, welfare financing and social sector development.
- To discuss governance, ethical compliance and digital transformation in tax administration.
- To generate policy recommendations for strengthening an inclusive tax-society framework in the context of Viksit Bharat 2047.

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SUB THEMES

- Evolution of GST in India: From Concept to Reform
- GST, Redistribution and Inclusive Growth
- GST and Street Vendors, Artisans, SHGs and Micro Enterprises
- Impact of GST on Rural Livelihoods and Agrarian Sector
- MSMEs and GST
- Gendered I GST and Women-Led Enterprises
- GST and Traditional, Cultural and Creative Industries
- GST Revenue, Welfare Schemes and Social Sector Financing
- Education and Health under GST: Social Policy Interface
- GST, Ethical Tax Compliance and Citizen Perception
- Tax Literacy, Public Awareness and the Role of NGOs
- GST, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security and Digital Economy
- GST and the Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047
- Green Taxation, Start-up Ecosystem and Future Roadmap of GST Reforms

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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- Abstract Length: **250–300 words** (Introduction, main objective, methodology, results, conclusion) Keywords: 4–6 keywords
- Full Paper Length: **4,000–6,000 words** (including Introduction, Literature Review, Methods & Materials, Key Findings, Results & Discussion, Recommendations, Conclusion, References in APA format)
- Abstract and Full Paper should contain title of the paper, name, designation and institutional affiliation of authors, contact details of presenting author.
- Format: **Times New Roman, 12 pt font, 1.5 line spacing**
- Referencing Style: APA (7th Edition)
- Submission Format: **MS Word** (.doc/.docx)
- Originality: Papers must be original and unpublished

REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION FEE :NIL
- Registration is mandatory for all the articles / all authors
- Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/42PxNLV69725jZUR7>
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PUBLICATION OF SEMINAR PROCEEDINGS

The seminar proceedings will be published with an ISBN as part of the academic outcomes of the seminar.

BEST PAPER AWARD*

- Best Paper Award for Faculty member
- Best Paper Award for Practitioner
- Best Paper Award for M. Phil/ Ph.D Scholars
- Best Paper Award for UG and PG students

* Papers received on or before the last date will only be considered



IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date for Abstract Submission: **14 Aug 2026**
- Intimation of Acceptance: 20 Aug 2026
- Full Paper Submission: **31 Aug 2026**
- Seminar Dates: 16–18 September 2026

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE ?

- Academicians & Faculty Members
- Research Scholars & Students
- Chartered Accountants & Tax Practitioners
- Policy Analysts & Administrators
- NGO Representatives
- Self-Help Groups (SHGs) & Micro-Entrepreneurs
- Industry Representatives

ACCOMMODATION

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