

Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Prospects and Challenges for India [SUSTIND]

21-22 March 2025 | SMVDU, Katra

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A conference for building knowledge from various disciplines of humanities and social sciences on the nexus between growth and sustainable development, and improving welfare in the Indian context is a valuable addition to the achievement of the sustainable development goals for the country. Thus, this conference brings together academics, practitioners and policy makers for discussions and exchange of ideas focusing on the application aspect of results.



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Day 1: March 21, 2025

09:00 -10:00: Registration | Location: SMVDU, Katra

10:00 -11:30: Inaugural Session

Welcome

Address: Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Katra

Introductory

Remarks: Ms. Sunanda Nair Bidkar, Director, South Asia, INET, New York

About the

Conference: Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Professor, Department of HSS, IIT Jammu Dean (DI), Conference Coordinator

Keynote

Address: Padma Bhushan Prof. B. N. Suresh, Chancellor, Indian Institute of Space Technology, Thiruvananthapuram

**Address by
the Guest**

of Honor: Shri Shantmanu, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

Presidential

Remark: Prof. Manoj S. Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu

Vote of

Thanks: Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Associate Professor, SMVDU, Katra

11:30 -12:00: Tea Break

12:00 -13:30: Panel I

Challenges of Achieving Sustainable Development Goals for India

Chairperson: Padma Bhushan Prof. B. N. Suresh, Chancellor, Indian Institute of Space Technology, Thiruvananthapuram

Panelists:

1. Prof. R. Kavita Rao, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi
 2. Prof. Manju Singh, Professor, Department of HSS, MNIT, Jaipur
 3. Shri Vikramjit Singh, IPS, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, J&K
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13:30 -15:00: Special Welcome Lunch

15:00 -16:30: Young Scholar Sessions

Parallel Session 1A: Health, Sanitation, and Well-being

Chairperson: Prof. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Dean, FoM, SMVDU Co-Chair: Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, Associate Professor, SoE, SMVDU

Presentations:

1. Water Water Everywhere, Not a Drop to Drink? Information & Enabling Access to Clean Water in India | **Prarthna Agarwal Goel**
2. Determinants of Sick Days and Mitigating Expenses on Health of Mining Households: A Study of Talcher Coalfield of Odisha, India | **Gayatree Sahoo**
3. Estimating the Impact of Polymorbidity on Health-enhancing Behaviour among Ageing Population of India: A Propensity Score Matching Analysis | **Pragya Taneja**
4. Unequal Coverage: Gender Inequities in Indian Health Insurance for Patients Non-Communicable Diseases Unveiled with Fairlie Decomposition | **Rishika Tomar**

Discussant: Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Associate Professor, SoE, SMVDU

Rapporteur: Ms. Sumaira Parveen Choudhary, PhD Scholar, SoE, SMVDU

Parallel Session 1B: Finance, Growth, and Industry

Chairperson: Ms. Anudeep Kaur, KAS, Financial Advisor, Industries & Commerce Department, Government of J&K

Co-Chair: Dr. Arif Billah Dar, Associate Professor, SoE, SMVDU

Presentations:

1. How does agglomeration affect green total factor productivity in Indian manufacturing sector? | **Himja Sharma**
2. Export Dynamics, Exchange Rate Volatility, and Economic Stability: Evidence from Asia-Pacific Panel Data Analysis | **Pankhuri Sein**
3. Enhancing Financial Inclusion through Differentiated Policy: A study of Spatial impact of education on formal savings in India | **Shika Saravanabhavan**
4. Climate Change, Gender, and Sustainable Development in South Asian Countries: The Role of Female Employment? | **Geetarani Mohanty**

Discussant: Dr. Shafkat Shafi Dar, Assistant Professor, Department of HSS, IIT Jammu

Rapporteur: Ms. Richa Sharma, PhD Scholar, SoE, SMVDU

16:30 -16:45: Tea Break

16:45- 18:15 Young Scholar Sessions

Parallel Session 2A: Sustainable Cities, Institutions and Governance, Justice

Chairperson: Prof. Kakali Majumdar, Professor, SoE, SMVDU

Co-Chair: Dr. Sayantan Mandal, Assistant Professor, Department of HSS, IIT Jammu

1. Tourism Development, Capital Inflow and Pollution Tax in a Small Open Tourism Economy: A Theoretical Analysis | **Niladri Saha**

2. Leveraging E-Governance for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: A Study of Jammu and Kashmir | **Ashna Mahajan**

Discussant: Ms. Sukhleen Kour, Assistant Professor, SoE, SMVDU

Rapporteur: Ms. Tanvi Sharma, PhD Scholar, SoE, SMVDU

Parallel Session 2B: Climate Action and Clean Energy

Chairperson: Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Professor, Department of HSS, IIT Jammu

Co-Chair: Dr. R. Gopinathan, Assistant Professor, SoE, SMVDU

1. Macroeprudential policy analysis of carbon emissions in India | **Sayar Ahmad Shah**

2. Energy, Environment, Productivity, Growth, and Welfare Interrelationships across India, MENA and South & Southeast Asia: A General Equilibrium Analysis with Spatial Econometric Investigation | **Manish Chauhan**

3. Heterogeneity in Clean Cooking Fuel Adoption in India: An Application of Theil Index | **Shelja**

4. Transformation of Clean Energy Uses and Challenges in Changing Behaviour of Domestic Households | **Neha Dhanawade**

Discussant: Ms. Kirti, Assistant Professor, SoE, SMVDU

Rapporteur: Ms. Karunika Sharma, PhD Scholar, SoE, SMVDU

19:30 -21:30: Dinner

END OF DAY 1

Day 2: March 22, 2025

10:00 -11:30: Young Scholar Sessions

Parallel Session 3A: Poverty, Hunger, and Inequality

Chairperson: **Prof. Dipankar Sengupta**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu

Co-Chair: **Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena**, Associate Professor, SoE SMVDU

1. Deconstructing Rural Poverty Matrices: Evidence from India on the Convergence of Caste, Gender, and Regional Development Gaps | **Pushpendra Kumar Singh**
2. Can Access to Financial Services Reduce the Likelihood of Falling into Poverty? Evidence from Rural Odisha | **Rajashree Patra**
3. Food and Nutritional Challenges Among Tea Garden Workers: A Field-Based Study | **Saddam Hossain Mondal**
4. Is Rising Temperature Exacerbating Consumption Expenditure Inequality? Investigating the Impact of Heat Wave in India | **Sahil Verma**

Discussant: **Dr. Rajesh Kumar**, Assistant Professor, SoE, SMVDU

Rapporteur: **Mr. Subrat Kumar Maity**, PhD Scholar, Department of HSS, IIT Jammu

Parallel Session 3B: Gender and Social Equality

Chairperson: **Dr. Shubhra Sharma**, Mission Director (MD) Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM)

Co-Chair: **Dr. Roop Lal Sharma**, Head & Associate Professor, SoE SMVDU

1. Gender Inequality and Illicit Financial Flows: Does Governance matter? | **Rozi Kumari**
2. Who drives what? Examining the link between the prevalence of anaemia and intimate partner violence among married women | **Bhawna Taneja**
3. From budget to benefits: Effects of gender budgeting on school infrastructure and gender outcomes in India | **Prakashani Singh**
4. Exploring Gender-Based Enrollment Disparities in Primary School in Rural India: An Extension to Blinder-Oaxaca Decomposition Model | **Puja Biswas**

Discussant: **Dr. Hardeep Singh**, Assistant Professor, Department of HSS, IIT Jammu

Rapporteur: **Mr. Prince Singh**, Ph.D. Scholar, SoE, SMVDU

Parallel Session 3C: Human Capital Development

Chairperson: Prof. Aswini Kumar Nanda, HoD, Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu

Co-Chair: Dr. Amitash Ojha, HoD, Department of HSS, IIT Jammu

1. Driving green growth and inclusive development in India through knowledge economy with specific focus on human capital along with technology | **Pooja Yadav**
2. Affirmative actions and fertility outcomes : Evidence from India | **Pragati Thakur**
3. Investigating the Impact of Human Capital on Ecological Footprints in Emerging Asia: Insights from China and India | **Mudasir Ahmad Sheergujree**

Discussant: Ms. Deepika Malik, Assistant Professor, SoE, SMVDU

Rapporteur: Mr. Snehin Gupta, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Jammu

11:30-11:45: Tea Break

11:45-13:00: Panel 2

Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Prospects and Challenges for J&K

Chairperson: Prof. Falendar Kumar Sudan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu

Panelist:

1. **Shri Shailendra Kumar**, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Production Department, Government of J&K
 2. **Shri Rahul Sahai**, Chairman, Indian Chambers of Commerce, Jammu
 3. **Prof. Dipankar Sengupta**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu
 4. **Dr. Shubhra Sharma**, Mission Director (MD) Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM)
 5. **Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal**, Visiting professor, IIT Jammu, Retd. Professor, University of Jammu
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13:00 –14:30: Lunch Break

14:30-15:30: Valedictory session

Chairperson: Prof. Jasbir Singh, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu

Valedictory

Address: Shri Bhallamudi Sridhar, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Jammu

19:30 -21:30: Dinner

END OF DAY 2

Organizing Committee:

- **Meenakshi Rajeev**, Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS), IIT Jammu
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