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Two-Day National Conference (Through Hybrid Mode)

on

Governance and Sustainability in the 21st Century: Insights from Indian Wisdom

17-18 December, 2026

Venue: Vallabh Govt. College Mandi, (H.P.)



Organised by
Department of Commerce
Vallabh Govt. College Mandi, (H.P.)

Welcome to the ICSSR-sponsored Two-Day National Conference on **"Governance and Sustainability in the 21st Century: Insights from Indian Wisdom"**, organized by the Department of Commerce, Vallabh Government College, Mandi (Himachal Pradesh).

About the College

Vallabh Government College Mandi, founded in 1948 and named after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, stands as one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions of higher education in Himachal Pradesh, Affiliated with Sardar Patel University, Mandi (Himachal Pradesh). The college has earned recognition for its academic excellence and holistic development of students. It offers a wide spectrum of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Arts, Science, Commerce, and Computer Applications, along with vocational and diploma courses that cater to diverse academic interests. The institution emphasizes both scholastic achievement and co-curricular engagement, encouraging students to participate in NCC, NSS, Rovers & Rangers, youth festivals, and cultural activities. With modern infrastructure including a well-stocked library, hostels, clubs, and societies, VGC Mandi provides an environment conducive to learning and personal growth. Its strong alumni network and placement cell further enhance opportunities for students. Over the decades, the college has produced distinguished graduates, university toppers, and prize-winning participants in cultural and academic competitions. By blending tradition with modernity, VGC Mandi continues to serve as a hub of higher education, fostering intellectual curiosity, community service, and leadership among its students.

About Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in the year of 1969 by the Government of India to promote research in social sciences in the country. The Council aims to review the progress of social science research and give advice to its users. It sponsors social science research programmes and projects and administer grants to institutions and individuals for research in social sciences. It also provides scholarships and fellowships for research in social sciences.





It also identifies areas in which social science research is to be promoted and adopt special measures for development of research in neglected or new areas. It aims to give financial support to institutions, associations, and journals engaged in social science research apart from arranging technical training in research methodology and to provide guidance for research. ICSSR takes pride in organizing, sponsoring and financing seminars, workshops and study groups.

Besides this, it undertakes publication and assist publication of journals and books in social sciences. ICSSR advises the Government of India on all matters pertaining to social science research as may be referred to it from time to time and takes such measures generally as may be necessary from time to time to promote social science research and its utilization.

Concept Note

In the 21st century, governance, sustainability, equity, and ethics face complex challenges intensified by globalization, technology, and climate change. India's philosophical heritage offers valuable insights - emphasizing harmony with nature, collective welfare (*Sarvodaya*), duty-based ethics (*Dharma*), and holistic development. This National Conference will explore how Indian wisdom can inspire modern governance and sustainability, creating a multidisciplinary platform for scholars, policymakers, and students to share ideas and solutions. While global in scope, it will highlight regional experiences, especially in Himachal Pradesh and the Himalayas, where recent monsoon-related disasters underscore the urgent need for resilient governance in fragile ecosystems.

Objectives of the Conference

- Examine governance and sustainability issues across global, national, and regional levels.
- Explore traditions and philosophies to shape ethical, inclusive, and sustainable governance models.
- Promote collaboration among scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to blend traditional knowledge with modern science and policy.
- Identify innovative approaches and create policy recommendations rooted in Indian perspectives, encouraging youth participation.
- Highlight ecological challenges in Himachal and Himalayan regions, emphasizing disaster resilience and climate adaptation strategies.
- To discuss the SDG goals in detail.

The sub-themes likely to be covered but not limited to the following during the Conference are:

- Indian Philosophical Foundations of Governance and Sustainability
- Environmental Ethics in Indian Traditions
- Good Governance, Transparency, and Accountability
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Sustainable Practices
- Gender, Inclusivity and Social Justice in Governance
- Digital Governance, Education and Technological Innovations for Sustainability
- Corporate Governance and Ethical Business Practices
- Sustainable Development in Himalayan Regions.
- Disaster Management, Climate Resilience, and Monsoon-related Challenges (Landslides, Flash Floods, etc.)
- Renewable Energy & Ancient Practices
- Contemporary Trends in Research
- Employability and Competence
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Economy
- Visions of Viksit Bharat-2047
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG-17)

Note:

- Any other topic related to conference theme not covered above
- The Conference papers should be based on actual empirical research with clearly defined focus on the North-Western India as a whole, or especially on individual State of the Region i.e. Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and the Union Territory of Chandigarh & Ladakh.

Instructions for Submission of Research Paper

- The author(s) can submit research papers in English (Times New Roman font) or Hindi (Unicode font only) in MS WORD 'docx' format written in APA style.
- Manuscript should not exceed more than 5000 words in all.
- Abstract should be between 200-300 words including a maximum of 5 key words.
- All selected candidates must present their paper through Power Point Presentation in online and offline mode during the Conference.

Publications

The selected research paper will be published in Peer-Reviewed/ Refereed Journal or in E-Book with ISBN. All rights of selection/rejection of papers are reserved with the paper review committee. For further inquiries participants may kindly contact **Dr. Balbir Singh (7833036401).**

Last Date for Abstract submission	5th December, 2026
Last Date for paper submission	9th December, 2026
Acceptance Notification	10th December, 2026
Last Date for Registration	12th December, 2026
Conference Date	17th - 18th December, 2026
Conference Timing	10:00 AM-05.00 PM

Registration Fee (for each author)

Faculty/ Professionals	Rs. 700
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