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**CALL
FOR
PAPERS**

**MULTI-PRONGED RESPONSES AND RESILIENCE
TO THE PANDEMIC-DRIVEN CRISIS
FROM SOCIO-ECONOMIC SPHERES IN THE INDIAN CONTEXT**

Key Dates

Submission of Abstract	28th October 2022
Selection Announcement	7th November 2022
Conference Dates	24th and 25th November 2022

Registration Fees

Faculty and Working Professionals	INR 1000
For Research Scholars	INR 500

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Concept Note

Ever since the outbreak of coronavirus pandemic and its global spread, economies around the world have been hit hard. The pandemic-driven recession has deepened the already existing woes for some economies and cracked open new areas of concern for others. The containment policies, while flattened the medical curve, steepened the recession curve across the economies of the world.

It has been observed that the Indian economy, which has been at the forefront of tackling the crisis led by the current pandemic, received setbacks since the onset of the pandemic. Many sectors of the economy, particularly those that relied on, but not limited to, agriculture, manufacturing, transport, services, and real estate were affected disproportionately. As a result, the new employment opportunities were halted, and the existing labour market also did shrink. In particular, the weaker sections in the informal and unorganized sector of the economy lost their main sources of livelihood. The exodus of migrant workers returning to their hometowns in the wake of lockdowns and travelling again to metropolitan cities in the search of jobs in various parts of the country has been a regular sight. The formal credit growth was also subdued during the crisis in addition to the growing NPAs of the economy. Non availability of institutional credit and disruption in the supply chain adversely affected the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. On the contrary, many households with single bread winners had to rely on borrowings from the informal sources for their survival. The rising food and fuel prices added to the woes of various sections of the society. The public health infrastructure has sustained the peak of the pandemic; however, the public health and education sectors have faced daunting challenges with respect to curbing not only the spread of coronavirus but also other diseases and fulfilling educational attainment of students without digital accessibility and literacy, respectively, which came to standstill in many parts of the country.

Nevertheless, it is also observed that there have been varied responses from various sections and sectors of the economy to address the challenges of the pandemic. While the agriculture and allied activities sector saw decline in income prior to the pandemic, including declining rural wages, it is observed that this sector served as a cushion against the crisis. In addition, the availability of MNREGA scheme and the supply of subsidized food grains have helped the rural economy to sustain and survive in the crisis. While the Indian government announced a fiscal stimulus close to 10 percent of GDP and the Reserve Bank of India made 3 trillion rupees available through the emergency credit guaranteed window (monetary loosening), the resulting impact on various sectors is not fully assessed. The unorganized and informal sector, which is, in large part, out of the social safety net, has shown the resilience to the pandemic-driven crisis through various mechanisms and measures, both public and private. Availability of subsidized and free grain through PDS is one such example of public sector mechanism. Self-help group (SHG) initiatives and the support system created through SHGs is another example of private sector mechanism. These mechanisms and varied responses to those mechanisms solicit deeper enquiry into the elements of resilience to the crisis.



Objectives of the Conference

This national conference aims to stimulate responses from all spheres of the Indian society through academically sound and rigorous deliberations on various relevant topics. It is highly imperative to unearth the challenges and issues that either have emerged out of the crisis or have been aggravated by the crisis. The proposed conference is an attempt to create a space where the relevant stakeholders come together and deliberate on the responses to address the pandemic-driven crisis in the Indian context.

This conference seeks to invite full research papers that throw light on the woes and challenges of the current pandemic and at the same time, think of possible and potential responses from socio-economic spheres within the Indian economy. We invite original, unpublished, and stimulating research outcomes in the form of full-length papers from the academia and practitioners on the following tracks

SUB-THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

- MSME sector responses to policy measures
- Impact of pandemic on rural consumption and livelihood
- Unorganized and informal sector resilience to the pandemic-driven crisis
- Role of Agriculture: Absorbing reverse-migration and food security challenges in the pandemic
- Public health and educational attainment during the pandemic
- Science, technology, and innovation responses to overcome the pandemic





PARICIPANTS TO THE CONFERENCE

This conference seeks participants and audience from the social science researchers and academia, policy experts and practitioners, executives from the governmental and non-governmental organizations.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

An anthology of full-length papers from each of the conference sub-tracks will be published as an edited volume post conference. A section shall be dedicated to each of the conference sub-tracks. Invited papers by the resource persons/keynote and plenary speakers will be part of the edited volume.



ABOUT GITAM SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (GSHS), HYDERABAD CAMPUS

GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences (GSHS), Hyderabad Campus was established in 2018 with an aim to provide a multi-directional approach to knowledge that encourages creativity, critical thinking, cross-disciplinary approaches and real-world implementation.

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- BA with Major in English
- BA with Major in Psychology
- BA with Major in Political Science
- BA with Major in Economics
- BA with Major in History
- BA with Major in Mass Communication
- BA with Major in Visual Communication

Postgraduate:

- MA English Language and Literature



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During the Sixth Five Year Plan period, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, sanctioned a recurring annual grant to the Southern Regional Office (SRO) (since 1977-78). Further, encouragement came from the Reserve Bank of India, and since 1985, RBI has been funding the Institute especially the RBI Chair Professor which is in vogue in several other institutes of the country. The Government of Telangana have been supporting the Council to carry out the research activities.

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