

Call for Papers & Participation

International Conference on Role of Higher Education Institutions in Advancing Sustainable Development Goals

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The global economy made unprecedented progress in the last century, thanks to the advancements in technology. However, much of this progress came at the cost of environment and equity, giving the way to a global call for an inclusive and environmentally sound economic growth. This global call finds an explicit expression in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations, basically reflecting a roadmap for human and planetary wellbeing. Remarkably, most of these goals about enhancing prosperity, removing hunger and vulnerability, universal access to quality education, environment protection, and focussing on building partnerships and collaboration with stakeholders.

Sustainable development connects environmental and social issues with economic growth. It suggests that achieving economic growth without environmental damage is possible. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) can play a crucial role in formulating informed sustainable public policies and developing appropriate technology to implement the United Nations (UN) agenda for sustainable development and to counter the ill effects of global warming and unbalanced growth without compromising the quality of life for current and future generations. However, they (HEIs) face severe challenges in pursuing the SDGs. Indeed, the task of adapting SDGs to local conditions and promoting them to local dialects/languages forging link with the neighbouring communities and building the research and training facilities, besides facing severe resource constraints.

Universal access to quality education is both the objective and means to achieve all the other SDGs. Academic research and education for sustainable development in universities and colleges provide the academic communities with skill and capabilities needed to achieve the sustainable development and shared sustained practices. In all,

HEIs are ideally set to be the harbingers of change to practise and shared sustainability contributing to sustainable development of society, economy, polity and their institutional life.

In this backdrop, there is a need to discuss in details, the role of HEIs in building a more sustainable world. Faculty of Social Sciences, BPSMV, in association with the 'Society for pathways to Sustainability' is organising an International Conference to explore the role of HEIs in achieving SDGs, i.e., the UN Agenda 2030. The indicative sub-themes of the conference are highlighted as under:

- Strategies of HEIs in combating Climate Change, community engagement and social sustainability;
- Biodiversity and pollution (air, water and noise) management in HEIs;
- HEIs strategies for e-waste, plastic waste, garbage and swage management;
- Gender equality and women empowerment in HEIs for sustainability;
- Green Energy promotion by HEIs for carbon neutrality;
- Fostering innovations for a more sustainable transport system;
- Sustainable production and consumption and sustainable technologies by HEIs;
- Peace, law and justice and sustainability;
- Promotion of human wellbeing and international fraternity by HEIs;
- HEIs policies for sustainable organisations, businesses and governance;
- HEIs in promoting sustainable and green finance;
- Pursuance of HEIs for greener business world;
- Policy formulation and implications in HEIs;
- Modernization of agriculture and biotechnology by HEIs;

- Environment, Tourism and sustainable development;
- Social work education and Agenda 2030;
- Geopolitics and conflict resolution among different social groups;
- NEP 2020 and Sustainability; and
- Aatamnirbhar Bharat and Sustainability.

Note: These themes are indicative; the participants can submit their papers on any aspect of the theme.

About the University

Established in 2006, Bhagat Phool Singh Women University is the first State Women University in North India providing education from **KG to PhD** level, and has earned the title of '**University with a Difference**' in the arena of Higher Education. The campus of the Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya is spread over lush green, pollution free 200 Hectares of Land and 6000 girl students are presently on its roll. The campus of BPSMV sprawls in the four premises, BPSMV campus itself, South Campus, and regional centres at Bhainswal Kalan, Kharal, Jind and Krishan Nagar, Rewari. University is imparting education in all major streams like arts, sciences and social sciences. Besides that BPSMV established Centre of Excellence, Centre for Society University interface and Research, Learning Resource Centre.

About Society

The Society for Pathways to **Sustainability**, a national-level Society established in March 2022, is a consortium of researchers, academicians, consultants, and policymakers dedicated to the cause of sustainable and equitable development in economic, social, political, environmental and human rights. Looking beyond numbers, it gauges economic growth by its long-term impacts on the environment and Society and considers development as the primary means to improve the environment and well-being of the people. Society is committed to exploring policy options with built-in mechanisms for delivering sustainable

development in all spheres of human life. It intends to promote research and academic activities devoted to the sustainability of people, nations, community, gender & empowerment, social & financial inclusion, regional development, policy planning, and environmental management. More information about society is available at: www.paths.co.in

About the Faculty

The Faculty, of Social Sciences endeavours to cultivate multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and collaborative learning environment and is comprising of many departments like Economics, Social Work, Political Science, History and Archaeology, Geography and a Centre for Society University Interface (CSUIR). The Faculty is offering various master programmes in Economics, Political Science, Social Work, History & Archaeology and Geography besides PhD in Economics and Social Work. CSUIR offers more than half a dozen of add-on courses for the students of the BPSMV. ₹ 2000/-

Instructions for Authors



An extended abstract of research paper up to 1000 words may be sent to deanfss@bpswomenuniversity.ac.in by September 25, 2022. The decision for acceptance of the abstract shall be

conveyed on September 30, 2022. Full research paper in MS-word format (*Times New Roman, Font-12, line spacing 1.5 and up to 4000 words in APA style*) may be sent by October 30, 2022.

Publication Opportunities



Selected quality papers shall be considered for publication in the selected journals (Scopus, SCI Indexed, UGC Care Listed and peer-reviewed journals). Some articles may also be

published in an Edited Book (ISBN) from a reputed international publisher (Having branched abroad). The publication of a paper will be subject to the referees' decision and submission of a copyright agreement and zero plagiarism report.

Conference Fee

Registration fee is ₹ 2000 (For academicians) and ₹ 1000 (for Research Scholars). There will be no fee for life member of the society (PathS); however, the ordinary members will be given 50 per cent concession. The conference fee includes participation in all technical sessions, conference kit, copy of the book, two days lunch & refreshment and accommodation to outstation participation with prior intimation.

Awards

Few best paper and best paper presenter awards will be given to encourage quality research. Two

awards will be sponsored by the journal **FIB Business Review** and few more by the university/society. The awards will be given to those participants who will remain present in all session on both days. The best paper awardee will be facilitated with memento and a cash prize of ₹ 2000/-.

Weather during Conference Days

The weather in the month of November is quite pleasant with the maximum and minimum temperature lies around 25.3°C and 11.8°C. November is a dry month in with an average of 11mm rain. It rains on average a total of 1 day.

Organizing Committee

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