



## **ICSSR-ERC Sponsored National Conference**

***55th Regional Science Association Conference, 2024 on Sustainable Regional Development: Issues and Pathways***

*Organised by*

**Department of Economics, Vidyasagar University,  
Midnapore, West Bengal, India**

*in collaboration with*

***The Regional Science Association of India (RSAI)***

*To be held on*

***28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024***



### ***Call for Papers***

The Department of Economics, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal, India, announces the ICSSR-ERC sponsored National Conference titled “**55th Regional Science Association Conference, 2024 on Sustainable Regional Development: Issues and Pathways**” in collaboration with the Regional Science Association of India (RSAI) to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. A large number of teachers, scholars, and researchers from Economics, Geography and related social science disciplines are expected to participate in this prestigious two-day national event. In addition to research paper presentations in the technical sessions, keynote and special lectures by eminent academicians have also been arranged.

#### **Concept Note**

Sustainable regional development integrates economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection within specific regions to promote long-term prosperity. Emerging as a response to the limitations of traditional economic models, it emphasizes balancing ecological health with economic and social needs. By aligning regional strategies with the 2030 SDG targets, this approach enables governments and organizations to address region-specific challenges, fostering resilience and equitable growth. The focus is on spreading economic benefits across various regions, reducing disparities, and preserving natural resources and cultural heritage for future generations.

The conference will cover nine subthemes, including rural development, urbanization, environmental sustainability, and infrastructure development, among others. Experts, scholars and stakeholders will explore together discuss the pressing issues and challenges in this field and suggest innovative and cross-cutting strategies that can lead to balanced and inclusive

growth across diverse regions. This collaboration aims to create policies that address both immediate and long-term regional or spatial disparities, ensuring sustainable and equitable development across the country.

#### **Sub Themes**

- Rural Development and Agriculture:** Enhancing rural infrastructure, boosting agricultural productivity, and expanding livelihood opportunities for holistic rural growth.
- Urbanization and Smart Cities:** Implementing sustainable urban planning and smart city technologies to promote balanced and efficient regional development.
- Industrial Growth and MSME Development:** Exploring sustainable practices in industry and MSMEs to foster long-term economic and environmental health.
- Infrastructure Development:** Developing resilient transportation, energy, communication and social infrastructures to support sustainable regional growth.
- Environmental Sustainability and SDG Goals:** Addressing climate change, conserving natural resources, and promoting eco-friendly practices to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Social Sector Development and Inclusion:** Promoting inclusive growth by addressing poverty, inequality, social disparities, ensuring equity, social protection and improving social services like education and health.
- Tourism, Cultural Heritage, and Local Economies:** Supporting sustainable tourism that preserves cultural heritage while enhancing local economic development.

8. **Community Participation and Governance:** Encouraging local community involvement and effective governance models to ensure relevant and sustainable regional development.
9. **Vikshit Bharat:** Outlining a roadmap for transforming India into a developed nation through regional development initiatives.
10. **Coastal Landscape and Development:** Issues, initiatives and experiences.

### Submission Guidelines

Interested participants are requested to send their original research papers of 3000-6000 words for the conference along with an abstract of around 250-400 words, mentioning the sub- theme and details of the affiliation and contacts of the paper writers to the convenor of the conference in the following email:

[convenorvuecon24@gmail.com](mailto:convenorvuecon24@gmail.com)

The submissions will be reviewed by a Peer Review Committee and papers will be selected for the final presentation on the basis of review recommendations.

### Important Dates

Submission of full paper along with abstract	<b>17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024</b>
Information of Acceptance	<b>27<sup>th</sup> October, 2024</b>
Registration	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024</b>
Conference Dates	<b>28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024</b>

### Publication Opportunities and Award

Selected Papers may be considered for publication in edited volume/s, subject to the approval of the authors and fulfillment of review process. **Young Regional Scientist Award** will be given to the best single-authored paper writer below 35 years of age.

### Fees and Payments

#### Registration Fee

**Teachers and members of RSAI: Rs 1200/-**

**Research Scholars: Rs. 700/-**

**Corporates and Others: Rs. 1500/-**

The details of payments of registration fees will be intimated to the participants after selection process of the papers. Outstation participants may be provided/arranged accommodations (lodging and food) which will be considered upon their prior requests and all the costs related to travel and accommodation will have to borne by the participants themselves.

### Conference Committee

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