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- Follow APA (7th Edition)
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On 26 September 2026

Venue: Sri Mahaveera College, Moodbidri

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Concept Note

Financial inclusion, skill development, and entrepreneurship are key drivers of India's inclusive growth strategy. Financial inclusion ensures access to formal financial services, Skill India enhances human capital, and entrepreneurship promotes innovation and employment. The integration of these elements creates a dynamic ecosystem that supports economic participation, reduces poverty, and strengthens self-reliance. This conference aims to explore interdisciplinary perspectives to strengthen the synergy between finance, skills, and enterprise for sustainable development.

Relevance of the Theme

The theme is highly relevant in addressing India's pressing challenges of unemployment, inequality, and regional disparities. Financial inclusion empowers marginalized sections by providing access to credit and digital financial services, enabling economic participation. Skill India initiatives enhance employability by equipping youth with industry-relevant competencies. Entrepreneurship transforms these capabilities into productive ventures, fostering innovation and job creation. The convergence of these three pillars is essential for achieving balanced and sustainable growth. In the context of digital transformation and globalization, the theme aligns with national priorities such as Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047, promoting an inclusive, resilient, and self-sustaining economy.

Objectives of the Conference

- To examine the role of financial inclusion in promoting entrepreneurship
- To analyze the impact of Skill India initiatives on employment and enterprise creation
- To explore banking and policy support for startups and MSMEs
- To provide a platform for academicians, policymakers, and practitioners
- To suggest policy measures for inclusive and sustainable development

Sub-Themes

A. Financial Inclusion and Economic Development
- Role of banks in inclusive growth
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) and financial access
- Digital financial services and rural outreach
- Microfinance and SHG-Bank linkage programme

B. Skill India and Human Capital Development
- PMKVY and skill development initiatives
- Industry-oriented skill training
- Skill gap analysis and employability
- Vocational education and entrepreneurship

C. Entrepreneurship Development and Start-up Ecosystem
- Startup India and Stand-Up India initiatives
- Innovation and incubation centers
- Role of MSMEs in economic growth
- Challenges and opportunities in startups

D. Banking and Entrepreneurial Finance
- Role of commercial banks and NBFCs
- MUDRA loans and credit access
- Priority sector lending
- Risk management and NPAs in MSME sector

E. Women and Youth Empowerment
- Women entrepreneurship and financial inclusion
- Youth startups and skill development
- Gender equality in access to finance
- Role of SHGs and cooperatives

F. Digital Economy and Fintech
- UPI, digital payments and entrepreneurship
- Fintech innovations and financial access
- Digital literacy and inclusion
- E-commerce and online business models

G. Sustainable and Green Entrepreneurship
- Green finance and sustainable startups
- Environmental and social enterprises
- Circular economy and innovation
- Climate change and entrepreneurship

H. Rural and Agricultural Entrepreneurship
- Agri-startups and value addition
- Role of NABARD and RSETIs
- Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)
- Rural industrialization and employment

I. Policy Framework and Institutional Support
- Government schemes and initiatives
- Role of RBI and financial regulations
- Public-private partnerships
- Ease of doing business

J. Skill-Based Financial Literacy and Capacity Building
- Financial literacy programs
- Entrepreneurial skill development
- Role of educational institutions
- Training, mentoring and incubation support

Target Groups
- Academicians and Researchers
- Banking and Financial Institutions
- Policymakers and Government Officials
- Entrepreneurs and Start-up Founders
- MSME representatives
- Skill Development Agencies and Training Institutions
- NGOs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs)
- Students and Research Scholars
- Industry Experts and Consultants

Expected Outcomes
- Policy recommendations for inclusive growth
- Strengthening the skill-finance-enterprise ecosystem
- Enhanced collaboration among stakeholders
- Promotion of research and innovation
- Support for startup and MSME development

Call for Papers

Original and unpublished theoretical, conceptual and empirical research papers are invited from academicians, researchers and practitioners on the theme and sub-themes outlined above, as well as on any topics relevant to the main theme of the conference. **Selected papers will be published in an edited volume with an ISBN.**

Best Paper Award – Student Category

A Best Paper Award will be presented to the student researcher(s) for outstanding research presented at the conference. The award will recognize originality, relevance, and methodological rigour, quality of analysis, interdisciplinary perspective, and clarity of presentation. (**Note:** For papers considered for the Best Paper Award, the number of presenters shall be limited to either an author or a maximum of two presenters per paper.)

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