



SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NAGPUR

A Constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune. Indian Council of Social Science Research
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In Collaboration with

Indian Council of Social Science Research

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

GST REFORMS AND THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT

*Exploring Digitalisation,
Compliance and Ease of Doing Business*



18-19 September 2026



Venue:

Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur



Hybrid Mode

ABOUT

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY)

Founded by Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) is built on the biological concept of **"living together for mutual benefit"** and the philosophical motto of **"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"**—the world is one family. Established to foster international understanding, the university blends Eastern wisdom with Western dynamism to transform students from over **85 countries** into global citizens.

With **46 constituent institutes** covering diverse fields from Management, Law, Mass Communication, Technology to Health Sciences, SIU has created a vibrant, inclusive ecosystem that consistently ranks among the top institutions globally and nationally for its academic excellence and high employability.

Beyond the classroom, Symbiosis is a hub for high-impact research and institutional social responsibility. Its commitment to sustainability and community welfare is reflected in its status as a **"Smart City"** and its extensive outreach programs, which provide healthcare, digital literacy, and legal aid to dozens of adopted villages.

By integrating advanced research in areas like **AI** and **nanotechnology** with a deep-rooted dedication to social equity and emotional well-being, SIU continues to shape future-ready leaders who are as socially conscious as they are professionally skilled.

Symbiosis International (Deemed University) has been selected to establish the **'Rotary Peace Centre'** at Lavale Campus. This is the **first Rotary Peace Centre in South Asia and the eighth in the world.**



ABOUT SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NAGPUR

Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur is dedicated to developing globally competent, socially responsible, and ethically-driven legal professionals who will thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Our flagship programs—the B.A. LL.B. (Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws), B.B.A. LL.B. (Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Laws), the Master of Laws (LL.M.), and Ph.D. in Law, with various specializations, are designed to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the law, blending rigorous academic theory with practical legal skills.

Beyond the classroom, SLS Nagpur emphasizes experiential learning through moot court competitions, internships, workshops, and interactions with legal professionals, judges, and international jurists. These hands-on experiences allow students to apply their learning in real-world settings.

Community engagement is at the heart of SLS Nagpur's mission. Through legal aid clinics, community outreach, and social justice initiatives, students gain valuable experience while contributing to society. These initiatives underscore the institution's commitment to fostering socially responsible legal professionals.



ABOUT

INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR)

Social and human sciences research is essential for understanding society, addressing social challenges, and generating evidence that informs policy, education, and national development. India has a rich intellectual tradition dating back to the Rigvedic period, with scholars such as Panini promoting inquiry based on observation and logic. Ancient universities like Takshashila, Nalanda, and Vikramashila became renowned centres of learning, contributing significantly to fields including jurisprudence, philosophy, medicine, mathematics, economics, politics, and literature.

After Independence, India sought to revive its indigenous research traditions through a decolonized approach to education and scholarship. The establishment of the **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)** in 1969 marked a major step in promoting high-quality social science and humanities research through funding, training, and policy-oriented studies.

Aligned with the **National Education Policy (2020)**, ICSSR continues to support inclusive, socially relevant, and globally competitive research, contributing to the vision of building a **Viksit Bharat by 2047**.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Goods and Services Tax reform constitutes one of the most pivotal tax policy reforms in India's fiscal history; it seeks to integrate the indirect tax system and promote a seamless national market. The GST reforms, since their inauguration, have aimed at ease of compliance, greater transparency, and the use of digital technologies to facilitate efficient tax administration. From this perspective, the conference aims to explore the socio-economic aspects of the impact of GST reforms, with special regard to digitalization, taxpayer compliance, and how such reforms actually affect the ease of doing business, focusing particularly on Small and Medium Enterprises and informal sector players. The need of the hour is to understand not only the technical changes being introduced in GST rates, structures, and compliance requirements, but also their broader socio-economic implications.

The ongoing GST reforms are significantly reinforcing the objectives of the **Atmanirbhar Bharat** mission, which aims to create an independent, robust, and globally competitive India. GST changes have streamlined the business climate, empowered micro, small, and medium-sized businesses, and encouraged formalisation across economic sectors by streamlining indirect taxation, encouraging digitalization, and improving compliance. These adjustments lower transaction costs, promote entrepreneurship, and level the playing field, which stimulates domestic innovation and production. By accomplishing this, GST not only helps to realize a strong and inclusive **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, but it also establishes a solid fiscal and regulatory framework for the larger goal of **Viksit Bharat 2047**—a developed, just, and sustainable India on the international scene.

The conference aims to facilitate an interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and business leaders on the multi-layered impact of GST reforms in contemporary India. It shall also widen the scope of research due to a multidisciplinary approach.



CALL FOR PAPERS



We invite submission of original and unpublished abstracts and full papers for presentation at the National Conference. The submissions should be aligned with the central theme of the Conference, however we welcome contribution from allied and interdisciplinary fields such as law, management, economics, commerce and public policy. The broad indicative themes for the conference are listed below:



Theme 1: Digitalisation and Compliance – Opportunities and Challenges



- ◆ Impact of GST on logistics, warehousing, interstate trade and supply chain efficiency
- ◆ Input tax credit utilisation, production costs and manufacturing competitiveness
- ◆ GST dispute resolution mechanisms: tribunals, adjudication and access to justice
- ◆ Consumer protection, human rights and digital surveillance in tax compliance
- ◆ Legal liability in AI assisted tax decision making



Theme 2: Ease of Doing Business – Sectoral and Regional Experiences



- ◆ Regulatory simplification, single market integration and reduction of compliance burden
- ◆ Sector specific compliance challenges across manufacturing, services and rural industries
- ◆ Impact on MSMEs, start-ups and innovation ecosystem
- ◆ Cooperative federalism, state level experiences and centre-state fiscal relations
- ◆ FDI, business competitiveness and India's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision





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Theme 3: Policy Innovations and Future of GST



- ◆ GST 2.0 reform agenda – emerging policy innovations and evolving GST Council
- ◆ Global best practices and comparative GST/VAT models (OECD, EU, emerging economies)
- ◆ Sustainable taxation – ESG, green transitions and environmental tax policy
- ◆ Legal and Constitutional dimensions of GST amendments and compliance
- ◆ Predictive tax administration, smart governance and public finance reform



Theme 4: Digitalisation of Tax Administration: Technology Platforms, E-invoicing, and innovations



- ◆ Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning and data analytics in tax governance and fraud detection
- ◆ E-invoicing, real time reporting and automated compliance mechanisms
- ◆ FinTech, digital payments and RegTech in GST administration
- ◆ Cybersecurity, data protection and taxpayer trust in digital tax ecosystems
- ◆ Cross border e-commerce, digital economy and emerging GST challenges



REGISTRATION

Category	Registration Fee (INR)
Research Scholars / Students (UG/PG)	500/-
Academicians	1000/-
Delegates from Industry	1500/-

Notes:

- ◆ 18% GST shall be charged on the registration fee additionally.
- ◆ Co-authorship: Permitted up to 2 authors
(separate registration fees applicable).

PUBLICATION

The proceedings and outcomes of this National Conference shall be published by the **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)** after peer review.

To submit an abstract/manuscript,
scan the QR code or use the link below:



Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/Qpj8CcHNeKrtuNaw9>

IMPORTANT DATES

Activity	Date
Last Date for Abstract Submission	16 August 2026
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts	20 August 2026
Last Day for Full Paper Submission	26 August 2026
Final Acceptance Confirmation	03 September 2026
Conference Dates	18–19 September 2026



VENUE & CONTACT

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference shall be conducted in hybrid mode at:

Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur

(A Constituent of Symbiosis International
(Deemed University), Pune, India)



Mouza Wathoda, Nagpur,
Maharashtra – 440035, India



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We look forward to your valuable contributions
and active participation in this National Conference.



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ABSTRACT & ARTICLE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



ABSTRACT

- ◆ Authors are required to submit an abstract of **250–300 words**. The abstract should clearly state the paper's title and outline the research objectives, methodology and/or preliminary findings.
- ◆ In the submission file, authors must include a **cover page** (including the presenter's and author's name, affiliation and email address).



FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

It is mandatory to submit full paper for conference presentation and participation. Each manuscript shall be peer reviewed for academic quality, novelty and relevance, and the acceptance will be conveyed to the author(s).

- ◆ The manuscript should typically be between **3500–4000 words**, inclusive of references, tables and figures.
- ◆ Co-authorship: Permitted up-to **2 authors** (separate registration fees applicable).
- ◆ The plagiarism level must be **below 10%**, with AI-generated content strictly avoided.
- ◆ Manuscripts must be submitted only in **MS Word** format.
- ◆ The citation style to be followed throughout the manuscript should be **APA 7th Edition**.
- ◆ **Headings:**
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PLENARY SESSION & PANEL DISCUSSION

PLENARY SESSION

Theme: *GST Reforms – Legislative Evolution and Policy Impact*

Objective:

The plenary session aims to facilitate discussion on key topics related to the impact of GST reforms by incorporating expert opinion, debates and ideas.

Date:
18th September 2026

Time:
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Duration:
1.5 hours

Moderator:

A seasoned academician shall serve as moderator to prompt discussion and guide the conversation.

Keynote Speakers:

Experts from industry shall share their valuable insights on the impact and scope of GST reforms and realization of the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Theme: *Bridging Policy and Practice – Next Steps for GST 2.0*

Objective:

The panel discussion aims at a policy-centric dialogue on GST reforms and to foster an inclusive and open discussion amongst industry leaders, academicians and participants.

Date:
19th September, 2026

Time:
11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Duration:
1.5 to 2 hours



Interactive Question & Answer Round:

In an interactive session, the in-person attendees shall be able to ask questions and share suggestions. Also, the live chat will be open to all participants, who can share their insights as well as put forth their queries.



TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Technical sessions will bring together experts, practitioners and researchers to deliberate on key themes shaping the present and future of GST.

TECHNICAL SESSION I

Digitalisation and compliance—opportunities and challenges



Date:
18th September 2026



Time:
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

TECHNICAL SESSION II

Ease of doing business—Sectoral and Regional Experiences



Date:
18th September 2026



Time:
3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

TECHNICAL SESSION III

Policy Innovations and Future of GST



Date:
19th September 2026



Time:
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

TECHNICAL SESSION IV

Digitalisation of Tax Administration: Technology Platforms, E-invoicing, and Innovations



Date:
19th September 2026



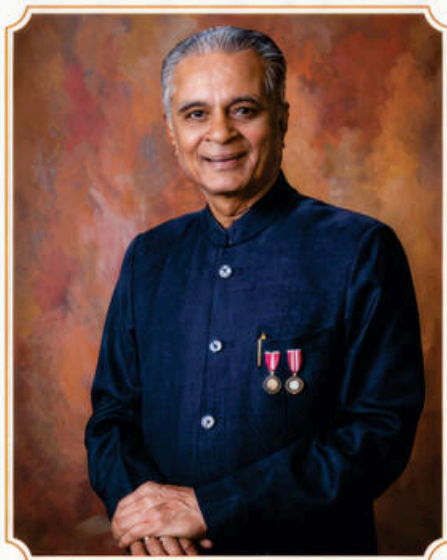
Time:
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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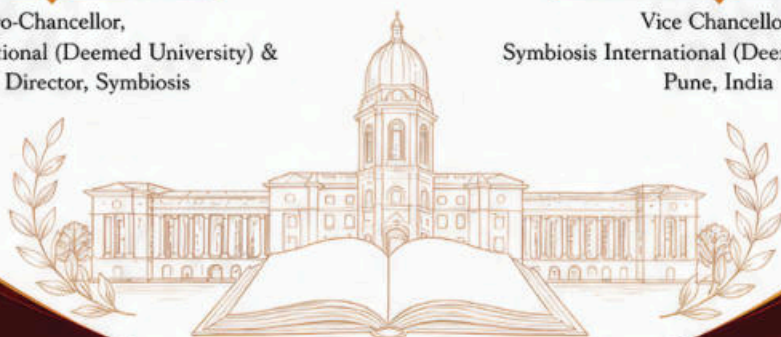
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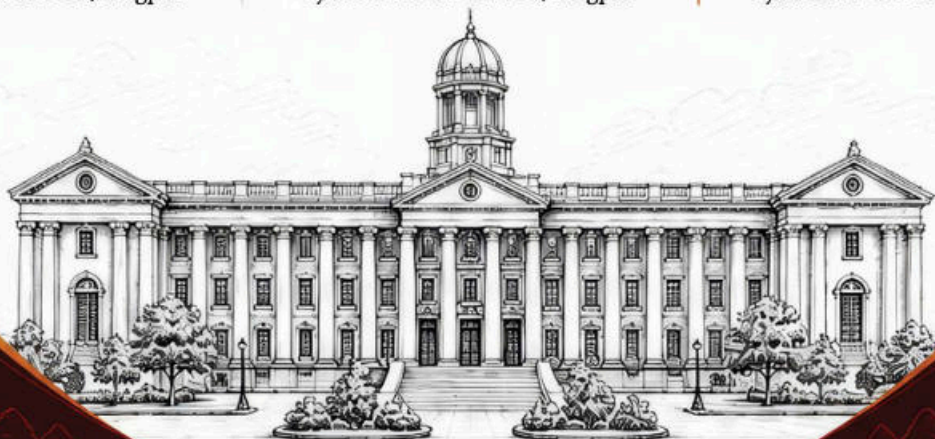
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