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School of Liberal & Creative Arts Department of Economics

Organizes

Two Day International Conference on

Agricultural Development

Experience & Pathways to Achieve the SDGs

(ICAD_2026)

26-27 February, 2026

(Thursday & Friday)

Offline/Online

About the Conference

Agriculture stands at the crossroads of economic growth, social transformation, and ecological sustainability. Agriculture also contributes to reducing poverty, enhancing livelihoods, and ensuring food and nutritional security. However, the agrarian landscape continues to face multidimensional challenges, including climate change, resource degradation, market volatility, technological divides, and social inequalities. ICAD-2026 aims to provide a robust discussion platform to drive sustainable agricultural transformation.

Call for Papers

The ICAD-2026 invites research articles, empirical studies, and policy papers of renewed theoretical and policy relevance that align with the evolution of global and regional trends, challenges, and opportunities in agricultural development across the following thematic areas.



Theme 1: Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Agriculture

Climate-Smart Agriculture
Natural Farming / Organic Agriculture
Water Management & Irrigation Efficiency
Soil Health & Nutrient Management
Agroforestry & Biodiversity
Sustainable Crop Production
Integrated Farming Systems
Conservation Agriculture

Theme 2: Technological Innovations and Digital Transformation

Precision Agriculture (IoT, AI, Drones)
Farm Mechanization & Automation
Biotechnology & Crop Improvement
Digital Platforms & E-Commerce
Big Data & Analytics in Agriculture
Smart Farming & Remote Sensing
Agricultural Robotics
Sensor-Based Monitoring

Theme 3: Policy, Governance, Farmer Welfare and Institutions

Agricultural Policy & Reforms
Agricultural Extension Services
Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs),
Cooperatives & SHGs
Market Linkages & Price Stabilization
Crop Insurance & Risk Management
Rural Development Programs
Subsidies & Credit Support
Institutional Strengthening

Theme 4: Agri-Business, Value Chains

Food Processing & Value Addition
Supply Chain & Logistics Management
Post-Harvest Infrastructure & Technology
Agri-Entrepreneurship & Start-ups
Export Promotion & International Trade
Cold Storage, Warehousing, Packaging &
Branding Innovations
Agro-Industrial Linkages

Theme 5: Livestock, Fisheries, and Allied Sectors

Sustainable Livestock Management
Fisheries & Aquaculture Development
Integrated Farming Systems
Animal Health & Disease Management
Dairy & Poultry Sector Development
Bee-Keeping & Sericulture
Blue Economy in Fisheries
Livestock Genetics & Breeding

Theme 6: Inclusion in Agriculture

Women, Youth Participation &
Entrepreneurship
Tribal & Marginalized Community Inclusion
Nutritional Security & Public Health
Social Equity & Access to Resources
Capacity Building & Skill Development
Community-Based Agriculture Programs
Additional Themes / Keywords (Optional
Expansion)
Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation
Renewable Energy in Agriculture
Agroecology & Sustainable Landscapes
Rural Finance & Investment
Farm-to-Fork Traceability
Food Security & Nutrition
Agricultural Education & Knowledge Transfer

Who Can Participate?

The conference welcomes academicians, researchers, policy makers, industry professionals, NGOs, developmental organisations, and students. A virtual mode of presentation will be arranged for the international and long-distance participants.

Publication

All selected full papers will be published in a peer-reviewed journal indexed in Google Scholar or in an edited book with an ISBN. Outstanding papers will be recommended for publication in Scopus/Web of Science indexed journal as a special issue with nominal APC.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts should not exceed 400 words, clearly stating the research problem, methodology, and key findings.
- Full Papers should be between 5,000–7,000 words, typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5-spaced, and referenced in APA 7th edition.

Important Dates

Last Date for Abstract Submission	: 28 December 2025
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	: 07 January 2026
Full Paper Submission Deadline	: 08 February 2026
Deadline for Registration	: 08 February 2026
Dates of the Conference	: 26-27, February 2026

Registration Fee Details

Participant Type	India	International
	Fee (INR)	Fee (USD)
Students	500	20
Research Scholars	700	25
Academicians	1,000	50
Industry Professionals	1,500	70

Fee Concessions, Travel & Accommodation

The following will be facilitated upon receipt of grant support.

- Participants from HITS will receive a 50% concession (INR).
- Registration fee concessions for international participants will be offered based on World Bank (2024–2025) country income level classifications:
 - Low-Income – 50%,
 - Lower-Middle-Income – 30%,
 - Upper-Middle-Income – 10%,
 - High-Income – no discount.
- Accommodation will be provided for the registered participants in the university campus on a first-come, first-served basis. Travel support for the selected participants will be provided, depending upon the availability of funds.

Best Paper Award

Faculty/Professionals	: ₹7,000 + Certificate & Memento
Research Scholars	: ₹5,000 + Certificate & Memento
Students (UG/PG)	: ₹3,000 + Certificate & Memento

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