

# **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**

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## Concept Note:

Regional development, as a field of study and policy consideration, has deep roots in the recognition that the progress of a nation is intricately tied to the varied dynamics of its constituent regions. This recognition stems from an understanding that regions are not monolithic entities but unique contributors to the socio-economic fabric of a nation.

Throughout history, nations have grappled with the challenges posed by regional imbalances. The development of some regions outpacing others, often due to factors like historical legacies, geographical advantages, or policy biases, has been a persistent concern. This historical backdrop has spurred the need for a nuanced understanding of regional development.

The concept of regional development gained prominence in the mid-20th century when policymakers and scholars increasingly realized that a one-size-fits-all approach to development often left certain regions marginalized. The economic and social disparities between urban and rural areas, coastal and inland regions, and between various states or provinces within a country became apparent.

The history of regional development is intertwined with the evolution of economic theories and policy frameworks. From early models focusing on central planning to more recent paradigms emphasizing decentralization and local governance, the discourse on regional development has evolved.

Global phenomena, such as rapid urbanization, environmental challenges, and the complexities of international trade, have added layers of intricacy to the regional development landscape. The history of regional development reflects the attempts of nations to address these challenges systematically, aiming not only for balanced economic growth but also for social equity and environmental sustainability.

The study of regional development is a comprehensive exploration of the multifaceted aspects that shape the progress of distinct regions within a nation. It goes beyond a mere academic pursuit, emerging as a pragmatic and strategic necessity in the contemporary world.

Understanding the issues and challenges unique to different regions is not just a matter of social justice; it is a foundational element for building resilient and sustainable societies. Regions, with their distinct strengths, resources, and challenges, represent economic engines that require careful examination and strategic policy considerations.

Studying regional development is essential for crafting policies that ensure equitable growth, preventing the exclusion of any region from the broader national narrative. It helps identify areas facing resource depletion or underutilization, guiding the formulation of balanced resource allocation policies.

## Key Subthemes:

1. Development of Coastal Regions: Lessons from coastal development initiatives for future endeavors.
2. 16th Finance Commission: Regional perspectives on the agenda for the 16th Finance Commission.
3. Migration: Dynamics of inter and intra-state migration and its socio-economic impact.
4. Political Economy of the State: The intricate relationship between politics and economics in regional development.
5. Foreign Trade: Role of foreign trade in fostering regional development and economic growth.
6. Regional Imbalance: Strategies and approaches to address regional imbalance in development.
7. Urbanization: Processes and challenges associated with urbanization and its impact on regions.
8. Regional Responses to Climate Change: Initiatives, policies, and adaptations in response to climate change challenges.

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**Conference Overview:** This conference provides a dynamic platform for scholars, policymakers, and practitioners globally. It's an opportunity to exchange ideas, share research findings, and engage in thought-provoking discussions on critical regional development issues.

## Important Dates:

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 November 2023
- Notification of Acceptance: 22 November 2023
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: 10 December 2023
- For Submission please visit: [www.gipe.ac.in](http://www.gipe.ac.in)

**Submission of Guidelines:** : Title of the research paper/poster (Times New Roman 14pt Bold) Name Surname1, \* Name Surname2, Name Surname1,2 (Times New Roman 12pt) 1 Designation and Affiliation (Times New Roman 12pt) 2 Designation and Affiliation (Times New Roman 12pt) \* e-mail id of corresponding author (Times New Roman 12pt)

The abstract should be written using Times New Roman 12pt normal font. Italics may be used for emphasizing. Do not use bold or underline to highlight any text within the abstract. Each abstract must be accompanied by three to five keywords. 1.5-line spacing must be used for writing the entire abstract. The abstract should not be more than 300 words. Abstracts not written in the prescribed format and maintaining the word limit will be rejected (Times New Roman 12pt)

**Registration Procedure:** To register for the conference and submit the abstract for presentation kindly fill-up the form given on the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics website: [www.gipe.ac.in](http://www.gipe.ac.in)

- Members of RSA India, RSAI: INR 3540
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- Non-members (SAARC): INR 4720
- Non-member (Non-SAARC countries): INR 8260

Note: Above fees include an 18% GST

## Prof. Manas Chatterjee Best Paper Award

The best paper will be awarded under this category.

## Young Regional Scientist Award

*A paper will receive a certificate and plaque from RSA. It must be a single author full paper submission by a scholar below 35 years of age.*

*Registration fees will cover registration kit, working lunch, tea, and e-certificates. No accommodation and travel charges will be provided by the organisers.*

**Join us in shaping the dialogue on regional development. Your insights and research can contribute significantly to the collective understanding of the challenges and opportunities in regional progress. We look forward to your valuable contribution.**

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Under the leadership of Prof D R Gadgil, its first director, the institute set up the highest standards of research, training, and teaching in the field of Economics. The institute always left its impact through theoretical and practical research outcomes.

Followed by the legacy and exemplary work in the field of Economics, UGC granted the Institute status of a deemed-to-be university. In addition, it also has three advanced research centres funded by various ministries of the central government of India. These centres include the Agro Economic Research Centre, Population Research Centre, and Centre for the study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.

Given the strong research base the institute offers Ph.D. in Economics and allied subjects like agricultural economics, population studies, sociology and so on. Along with this, the institute offers post-graduation degree in six specialisations and a Bachelor's degree in Economics. It is supplemented by a one-year Certificate Program in Econometrics and Data Science.

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