28 - 29 NOVEMBER 2025

St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
(Empowered Autonomous Institute)
ORGANISES

A Two Day National Conference on

Viksit Maharashtra 2047: Pathways to Inclusive and Sustainable Development

CALL FOR PAPERS

Who Can Participate?
✓ **Academics & Researchers**
✓ **Policymakers**
✓ **Industry Leaders & Entrepreneurs**
✓ **Civil Society & Development Practitioners**
✓ **Students & Young Innovators**

IMPORTANT DATES

October 15, 2025
Abstract Submission Deadline
October 25, 2025
Acceptance Notification
November 15, 2025
Full Paper Submission

About the college:

St. Xavier's College, has been engaged in teaching and research since 1869. Our college is an integrated academic community dedicated to the holistic education of future leaders who will demonstrate innovation in their professional competencies, integration in their personal lives and inclusion in their social contribution.

About the Conference

As India envisions becoming a developed nation by 2047, Maharashtra stands at the forefront of this transformation. The concept of "Viksit Maharashtra" emphasizes inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development that harmonizes economic growth with social progress, technological advancement, and ecological balance. This conference aims to bring together academics, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and students to deliberate upon the multi-dimensional pathways that can accelerate Maharashtra's journey toward becoming a developed state.

Conference subthemes:

- Economic Growth, Innovation & Global Competitiveness - Strengthening MSMEs, promoting startups, fostering innovation, and enhancing Maharashtra's global competitiveness.
- Agriculture, Rural Development & Livelihoods - Modernizing agriculture through technology, sustainable farming, water management, and improving rural livelihoods
- Urban Development, Infrastructure & Smart Communities - Smart cities, transport systems, housing, and rural–urban balance in infrastructure growth
- Human Capital, Health & Social Development - Transforming education and skill development, improving healthcare, ensuring gender equity, and empowering marginalized communities.
- Environment, Sustainability & Green Growth - Renewable energy, green economy, climate resilience, and conservation of natural resources.
- Governance, Policy Innovation & Leadership - Strengthening digital governance, decentralization, transparency, and public participation.
- Youth, Work & Demographic Dividend - Harnessing the demographic dividend through AI, digital technologies, entrepreneurship, and skill-based employment.
- Culture, Heritage & Social Identity - Preserving Maharashtra's cultural legacy while embracing modernity and global integration.
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship - Emerging technologies and skilling for the digital age.

Join us in shaping the vision of a Viksit Maharashtra - an inclusive, sustainable and globally competitive state leading India into the future.

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Submission Guidelines:

- **Abstract length: 350 - 400 words clearly mentioning objectives, methodology, key findings/arguments and 3 to 5 keywords.**
- **Full papers should be between 3,000–5,000 words, formatted in APA style.**
- **Include: Title, Author(s), Designation, Affiliation, and Contact Details**
- **Submissions can be sent to: viksitmahaconf2025@xaviers.edu**

- **Publication:**
Selected papers will be published in the special issue of Xavier's peer reviewed ISSN journal Xplore (ISSN: 2249- 1878). Authors will have to submit a declaration form upon selection of their paper.

Papers are invited under the subthemes mentioned above. Papers should be typewritten in Times New Roman font (in MS word), with double line spacing (not less than 6 mm) on A4 size paper leaving a good margin (25 mm on all sides). Tables and Captions to figures should be typed on separate pages. Tables should be sent in a form ready for publication and their position should be indicated in the text. Large tables with raw data should be avoided. The typescript should be carefully checked for spelling and words to be set in italics should be underlined. Footnotes are not allowed. Submissions will be accepted with a similarity index of up to 10%, provided that proper citations and references are included. Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts electronically. Electronic submission should be sent as e-mail attachments in the following formats: Text in MSWord; Figures in Autocad, Corel draw, WMF, TIFF, BMP and Photographs in JPG, PSDF and should not exceed 15 MB including figures and tables, when sent through email.

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