Guidelines for Submission of Abstract and Full Paper

We Invite articles from Academicians, Research Scholars, Industrialists, Post Graduate and Under Graduate students of colleges and Universities across National and International on the themes and sub-themes of the seminar as per the following Guidelines:

- All Submissions must be in MS word Format.
- Font Style: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 & Line Spacing: 1.5
- The abstract should not exceed 250 words and must include 4-5 Keywords.
- Authors' Affiliation, Contact Address, Designation, E-Mail Id & Mobile Number are to be added in the first page.
- Paper should not exceed 3500 words including table of contents, references & reference style to be followed is APA style 7th edition.
- Plagiarism should be less than 15% and without any AI.
- Maximum authors per paper are limited to four and each author has to register separately.
- All full paper submissions will undergo a blind review process and evaluated based on originality, technical and/or research depth, accuracy and relevance to conference theme and topics.
- The Author must submit their full-length research paper to Email Id: **wld.viksit2047@gmail.com**

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The selected papers will be published in the Conference Edited Book with an ISBN number. The cost of the conference proceedings will be borne by the authors in addition to the registration fee.

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- Students: ₹. 150
- Researcher Scholars: ₹. 250
- Faculty Members & Industrialists: ₹. 400
- Registration Fee Includes: Conference Kit, Certificate, Lunch, Tea & Refreshments.

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 1st December 2026
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: 5th December 2026
- Full Paper Submission: 8th December 2026
- Last Date for Registration: 10th December 2026

Accommodation

Limited accommodation in reasonably priced in the university hostel rooms may be arranged by the department upon prior request, subject to availability. Alternatively, participants may make their own accommodation arrangements.



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About the Alagappa University

Alagappa University has emerged from the galaxy of institutions initially founded during 1950`s by the Padma Bhushan Dr. RM. Alagappa Chettiar (06.04.1909 - 05.04.1957). Alagappa University is a State Government University established by an Act of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature in 1985 as Unitary type; later became Affiliating type during 2002. The University is situated at Karaikudi, in the District of Sivaganga, in the State of Tamil Nadu. Alagappa University's campus sprawls across 435.98 Acres of lush land, (428.15 acres in Main Campus and 7.83 acres in Thondi Campus) creating a highly secure, eco conscious and student friendly learning ambience. Alagappa University was brought into existence by a Special Act of the Government of Tamil Nadu in May 1985 with the objective of fostering research, development and dissemination of knowledge in various branches of learning. Alagappa University is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India. The University has 44 Departments, 3 Academic Centres and 2 Constituent Colleges (AUCE, AUCPE) on its campus. 45 Colleges located in the districts of Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram are Affiliated to the University. The University is offering UG & PG programmes in the four Faculties (Arts, Science, Education, Management). The University is having International Collaborations with Universities / Institutions of Higher Learning in countries like U.S.A, UK, Australia, Singapore, China, Malaysia and South Korea. The University's motto is "Excellence in Action" and the University keeps before it the vision of excellence in all spheres of its action.

About the Department of Women's Studies

Established in 1988, the Department of Women's Studies at Alagappa University has been committed to an interdisciplinary and gender-sensitive approach to education, research and social transformation. Recognising women as central agents of social development, the Department transcends conventional disciplinary boundaries and integrates gender perspectives into diverse academic and professional domains. The Department is dedicated to promoting gender equality, empowering women and equipping students with the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary to address contemporary social challenges. Through innovative teaching, research, extension activities and practical training programmes, it seeks to prepare students for meaningful careers as social activists, service professionals, NGO project coordinators, feminist researchers and social development practitioners. The Department endeavours to nurture a vibrant academic community committed to advancing gender equality, women's empowerment, human rights and social justice.

Vision

To harness the potential and capabilities of women for national development and social transformation by promoting gender equality, inclusive growth and women's leadership. The Department aspires to integrate gender perspectives into education, research, policy and practice, contributing to a just and equitable society.

Mission

To promote gender equality and women's empowerment through quality teaching, interdisciplinary research, knowledge dissemination and practical interventions. The Department offers undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. programmes in Gender Studies, fostering critical thinking, professional competencies and social responsibility among students. With over 500 research publications and more than 200 academic events, including conferences, workshops, webinars, special lectures and research methodology programmes, the Department is committed to advancing knowledge, strengthening research and contributing to social transformation.



About the Conference

India’s vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047 envisions an inclusive, knowledge-driven, and equitable society rooted in civilizational values while embracing contemporary development pathways. Central to this vision is the revitalization of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)—a vast repository of indigenous wisdom encompassing social organization, gender relations, community governance, livelihood systems, ethical values, and sustainable practices. Historically, women have played a pivotal role in sustaining and transmitting these knowledge systems through family structures, traditional occupations, community leadership, cultural practices, and resistance movements.

Despite their contributions, women’s roles—particularly those from traditional, tribal, rural, and artisanal communities—remain underrepresented in mainstream development discourse. The paradigm of women-led development, emphasized in recent national policies, seeks to reposition women not merely as beneficiaries but as agents of economic growth, governance, entrepreneurship, and social transformation. Examining women’s leadership through the lens of Indian knowledge traditions offers valuable insights into culturally grounded models of empowerment, skill development, and sustainable livelihoods.

This conference aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and community voices to critically explore the intersections of Indian Knowledge Systems, women-led development, and the national goal of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

By drawing upon historical movements, traditional community practices, women’s entrepreneurship, indigenous governance models, and contemporary policy frameworks, the conference seeks to generate interdisciplinary dialogue that bridges tradition and modernity.

This conference will contribute to reimagining development pathways that are socially inclusive, culturally rooted, and gender-just, thereby strengthening India’s journey towards holistic national development.

Main Theme

The main theme of the conference focuses on exploring Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Women-Led Development as critical pathways towards achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

Rooted in India’s civilizational heritage, Indian Knowledge Systems offer indigenous frameworks for social organization, sustainable livelihoods, governance, and skill development, with women historically playing central roles as knowledge holders and change agents.

By examining women’s leadership in traditional communities, entrepreneurship, administration, and social movements, the conference seeks to bridge tradition with modern development goals.

The theme emphasizes inclusive growth, gender justice, and culturally grounded development models aligned with national aspirations.



Conference Objectives

- To critically examine Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and its contemporary relevance to women-led development in India.
- To analyse the role of traditional and indigenous communities in nurturing women's skills, entrepreneurship and leadership.
- To explore historical and contemporary women's movements and their contributions to social transformation.
- To assess women's contributions in governance, public administration and economic empowerment across traditional and modern contexts.
- To generate policy-oriented insights that integrate women-led development with the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

Sub-Themes

1. IKS, Gender and Socio-Cultural Foundations

- Indian Knowledge Systems and Gendered Social Structures
- Women as Custodians of Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Heritage
- Gender Justice within Cultural and Traditional Frameworks
- Women, Culture and Social Reform in Pre- and Post-Independence India

2. Knowledge Transmission, Education and Institutions

- Knowledge Transmission through Women: Family, Community and Informal Institutions
- Education and Skill Development for Women: Indigenous and Modern Approaches
- Role of Institutions in Promoting Indian Knowledge Systems

3. Livelihood, Economy and Entrepreneurship

- Traditional and Indigenous Communities: Women, Skills and Livelihood Practices
- Women Entrepreneurship in Indigenous and Traditional Economies
- Innovation and Adaptation of Indigenous Practices in Contemporary Women Enterprises
- Economic Empowerment of Women through IKS-Based Livelihood Models
- Digital Empowerment and Market Access for Traditional Women Entrepreneurs

4. Governance, Leadership and Social Transformation

- Women in Local Governance: Traditional Councils and Community Leadership
- Women in Public Administration and Development Institutions
- Historical Women's Movements and Indigenous Resistance Traditions
- Women-Led Community Development and Social Innovation

5. Policy, Sustainability and Future Vision

- Policy Frameworks Supporting Women-Led Development
- Sustainability, Ecology and Women's Indigenous Knowledge
- Intersectionality: Caste, Tribe, Region and Women's Development
- Indian Knowledge Systems, Women-Led Development and Viksit Bharat @ 2047

The above sub-themes are indicative and not exhaustive. Other relevant topics are also welcome.

