



## **Two-Day National Seminar**

On

# **"Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Economic Ideas for the Self-Reliant Bharat"**



**July 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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## Call for Papers

The organizers invite original and unpublished research articles from academicians, students, and research scholars to present their work in the broad areas of Economics. Interested delegates are requested to submit their research papers in Hindi or English with an abstract not exceeding 250 word at [[icssrnsecoggv@gmail.com](mailto:icssrnsecoggv@gmail.com)] by **25<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**. The abstract should include full mailing address, affiliation, email, and keywords. Abstracts will be reviewed by an expert committee, and selections will be based on recommendations from the committee. Only full papers will be accepted for presentation.

The abstract and full papers should be typed in MS word using Times New Roman (for English) or Kruti Dev 010 (for Hindi), in 12-point font size, with 1.5 line spacing on A4 size. Authors of accepted abstracts will be required to submit full papers with a word count between 3000 to 5000 words by **30<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**.

Participants wishing to have their papers included in the seminar proceedings must submit full papers by **30<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**. Selected papers from the seminar will be considered for publication in edited volumes by reputed publishers. We encourage participants to engage in this significant academic endeavor to enrich the discourse on Sardar Patel's Economic Ideas for the Self-Reliant Bharat.

**Publication:** Accepted full length papers will be published in Edited Book with ISBN.

### Important Dates:

Last date for <i>Abstracts</i> submission:	May 25, 2025
Last date for <i>Full Paper</i> submission:	May 30, 2025
Acceptance notification of Abstract and Full Paper:	June 10, 2025
Seminar Dates:	July 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

### Registration Fees

- **Research Scholars/Students:** ₹ 500/-
- **Academicians/Faculty members:** ₹ 1000/-

Participants are advised to pre-register to confirm their participation.

### Register here

<https://forms.gle/13cg3k8628fqKUOD7>

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### Accommodation and Travel

The organising committee will facilitate free boarding and lodging at the University Guest House, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur. Select paper contributors may be eligible for travel allowance as per ICSSR norms.

**How to Reach Location:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PUq14h8QxS59XbgVA>

## **About the University:**

Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGV), located in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, is a Central University established under the Central Universities Act, 2009. Named after Guru Ghasidas, a revered saint and social reformer of the Satnami community, the university embodies his ideals of equality and social justice. Situated amidst serene surroundings, GGV offers a diverse range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across disciplines such as science, technology, humanities, social sciences, and management. There are more than 30 departments within the 11 schools to offer more than 200 courses at the UG, PG, Doctorate, Diploma, and Certificate levels across various specializations. The university is committed to academic excellence, fostering research, and promoting inclusive education. With its state-of-the-art infrastructure, vibrant campus life, and focus on holistic development, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya plays a vital role in empowering students and contributing to the socio-economic progress of the region.

## **About Department of Economics**

The Department of Economics, a pioneering institute of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya was established in 1989 with key focus on capacity building. The Department has a long tradition of imparting quality education and conducting in-depth research with special focus on economic issues and planning. The department has envisioned to produce the best economist through exploring the economic study & analysis for policy framing and implementation challenges faced by the Indian and global economy to make a better society and better world. We have dedicated faculty members who are highly efficient and specialized in research, academics and administrative work. Department conducts seminars, webinars, conferences and workshops apart from this the students also do internship. Every year Students qualify the UGC-NET and JRF and obtains different fellowships. Many of our alumni hold prominent positions in academics, research and administrative spheres across the country. The department is continuously achieving new heights; students and alumni are touching the sky of great success.

## **About the Seminar**

The “Iron Man of India”, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s economic vision was deeply seated in empowering India’s rural landscape, agriculture, and infrastructure. He reinforced strengthening rural economies through better irrigation, cooperative farming, and equitable resource distribution, laying the foundation for modern agricultural reforms and rural empowerment programs. He encouraged cooperative movements, with his support for Gujarat’s milk cooperatives leading to the Amul model, a global success in rural industry. His focus on self-reliance extended to industrial development, advocating balanced growth and robust infrastructure, exemplified by projects like the Hirakud and Bhakra Nangal Dams. He is known for fiscal discipline; he prioritized sustainable growth over populist measures and worked to ensure equity and social justice through land reforms and poverty alleviation. His practical approaches continue to inspire India’s path to sustainable and inclusive development, balancing self-reliance with equity in the 21st century.

At a time when global economies are amending their development strategies to address rural development, environmental concerns, inequalities, and rural-urban divides, Sardar Patel’s vision serves as a timeless model. His vision for rural development turned around empowering local communities, enhancing agricultural productivity, and fostering self-reliance through decentralized governance. Patel’s emphasis on inclusive and sustainable rural development is a historical lesson and a guiding principle for addressing current challenges such as rural poverty, unemployment, and economic inequality. These principles remain relevant today, as India struggle to reduce its rural-urban divide and build resilient

rural economies.

By re-exploring Patel's ideas, this seminar seeks to identify ways to integrate his principles with contemporary strategies for achieving sustainable and inclusive growth. The seminar will analyze how Patel's philosophies can be adapted to address current issues such as rural migration, resource depletion, and digital inclusion, ensuring economic growth that benefits all sections of society without compromising the environment. This national seminar pursues to re-evaluate Sardar Patel's contributions to rural development and explore their relevance in today's socio-economic and environmental contexts. It aims to analyze how his ideas can guide sustainable economic practices, empower rural communities, and align with India's vision of self-reliant development (Atmanirbhar Bharat). The seminar aims to investigate into Patel's contributions and explore their relevance in promoting sustainable economic growth in modern India.

This national seminar will bring together academicians, policymakers, research scholars, and practitioners to analyze Sardar Patel's rural development strategies and their application in today's context. Through scholarly discussions and policy recommendations, the event aims to bridge the past and present, offering actionable insights for building a strong rural economy. By celebrating Patel's enduring legacy, the seminar aspires to inspire innovative approaches for sustainable development rooted in India's grassroots realities.

This seminar will be able to promote a deeper understanding of self-reliance as the fundamental principle of national development. It will also promote awareness about the relevance of Patel's ideals in addressing contemporary economic challenges such as rural development, industrial development and community empowerment. The discussions and insights shared during the seminar may inspire individuals and communities to adopt sustainable and inclusive practices, which contribute to the collective goal of a prosperous and equitable society. In addition, this seminar will encourage students, academics and professionals to actively engage with India's historical economic philosophy, foster a sense of patriotism and promote collective responsibility for nation building, as well as provide participants, farmers, new entrepreneurs with various new idea revolutions to transform their perspectives of sustainable development.

On the other hand, this conference provides a unique opportunity to examine how Sardar Patel's economic beliefs match sustainable development concepts. Policymakers can use the seminar's discussions to help develop policies that enhance local governance structures and prioritize resource efficiency, renewable energy, and rural entrepreneurship. Initiatives such as "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat", which guarantee that economic policies are based on sustainability and self-reliance, can also benefit from the insights gathered. Finally, the seminar can serve as a platform for collaborative discussion, assisting decision-makers to create comprehensive and progressive solutions for a resilient and sustainable future.

### **Objectives of the seminar:**

- To explore Sardar Patel's principles of rural development and their alignment with sustainable economic practices.
- To discuss the relevance of his vision in the context of contemporary challenges such as rural poverty, unemployment, climate change, and inequality.
- To propose actionable strategies for rural development inspired by Patel's approach, incorporating modern technological and policy interventions.
- To encourage academic discourse on the role of grassroots governance and community participation in sustainable development.
- To discuss the relevance of MSMEs In Rural Economic Frameworks with Sustainable Practices in Rural areas.

**Sub- Themes:**

- Sardar Patel and the Vision of a Self-Reliant Economy
- Relevance of Sardar Patel's principles in modern policy frameworks.
- The Role of National Integration in Economic Development
- Sardar Patel's Approach to Agriculture and Rural Development
- Sardar Patel's Approach to Economic Justice and Equity
- Patel's Economic Legacy: Revisiting the 'Iron Man's' Economic Policies in the Modern Context
- Strengthening Panchayati raj institutions for sustainable growth.
- Promotion of cooperative movements to empower rural economies.
- Sustainable agriculture and skill development
- Agriculture development and food security
- Relevance of Sardar Patel's principles in modern policy frameworks.
- Rural Development: Empowering the Village Economy
- Challenges and opportunities of rural development in the 21st century.
- Role of Industry in a Self- Reliant Economy
- Decentralization of Economic Power
- Social Justice and Economic Equality
- Foreign Policy and Economic Self-Reliance
- Rural industries and sustainable economic models.
- Technological advancement and digital India
- Entrepreneurship and Start-Up Ecosystem in rural India.
- Vocal for Local strategy for developing regional market
- The Role of Public Sector Enterprises in a Self-Reliant Economy

The National Seminar would arrange key-note address, special lectures, paper presentation and deliberation among social scientists, researchers, experts. Group discussions, open question answer sessions and presentations would be made in technical sessions. The National Seminar is intended for research scholars, students, teachers, students, social scientists and academicians.