



INDIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION AND GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE, BANKIHET ORGANISES THE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

**"Economic Growth, Sustainable Development and Tribal Empowerment:
Challenges and Opportunities in a Globalized Era"**

17th -18th MARCH 2025

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About Indian Economic Association

The **Indian Economic Association (IEA)** is a prestigious organization that brings together economists, academicians, policymakers, and researchers to promote the study and application of economics in India. Established in 1917, it serves as a platform for intellectual exchange and discussion on key economic issues impacting the nation and the world.

IEA organizes annual conferences, seminars, and workshops that address topics like economic growth, development, poverty, inequalities, and public policies. These events provide opportunities for scholars and experts to present their research and contribute to policy-making processes. The association publishes journals and proceedings to disseminate contemporary research and foster academic dialogue. With its commitment to advancing economic education and research, IEA plays a vital role in shaping India's economic discourse. It bridges the gap between theory and practice, encouraging collaborative efforts for sustainable development and addressing the pressing challenges faced by the Indian economy.

About Dalhousie and Government Degree College Banikhet

Dalhousie, a picturesque hill station in Himachal Pradesh, India, is a popular tourist destination known for its natural beauty, colonial architecture, and serene environment. Nestled in the lap of the Dhauladhar mountain range, Dalhousie offers breathtaking views of lush green valleys, snow-capped peaks, and dense forests. Established in 1854 by the British, it was named after Lord Dalhousie, the then Governor-General of India. With its pleasant climate and a blend of British and Indian culture, Dalhousie attracts visitors from all over the country. Key attractions include Khajjiar, often referred to as the “Mini Switzerland of India,” Panchpula waterfalls, and the serene Dainkund Peak.

Just six kilometers before Dalhousie lies Banikhet, a small yet significant town that serves as a gateway to Dalhousie. Banikhet is home to **Government Degree College Banikhet**, a fastest growing institution in Himachal Pradesh providing quality higher education to students from the surrounding regions. The college plays a pivotal role in shaping the academic landscape of the area, offering undergraduate programs in arts with Economics, Political Science, History, Hindi and English. Situated in a region rich in cultural and natural heritage, Government Degree College Banikhet also promotes awareness about local traditions, environmental sustainability, and social responsibility. Its location in proximity to Dalhousie provides students and faculty with a unique blend of academic and natural inspiration, making it a hub for learning and personal growth.

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Theme: Economic Growth, Sustainable Development and Tribal Empowerment in a Globalized Era

The theme of this conference underscores the intricate interplay between economic growth, sustainable development, and the empowerment of tribal communities in an increasingly interconnected world. Globalization has created unprecedented opportunities for economic expansion, technological advancement, and cross-cultural collaboration. However, it has also amplified socio-economic disparities, environmental degradation, and cultural erosion, particularly affecting marginalized tribal populations.

This conference aims to explore how economic growth can be harmonized with sustainable development to foster inclusive prosperity. The focus on tribal empowerment highlights the need to recognize and respect indigenous knowledge, traditions, and rights while integrating these communities into the mainstream economy. By addressing challenges such as resource exploitation, lack of access to education and healthcare, and social exclusion, we can create pathways for equitable development.

The dialogue will also delve into the role of government policies, corporate social responsibility, and grassroots initiatives in achieving these goals. Sustainable practices, capacity-building programs, and innovative technologies will be discussed as tools for fostering self-reliance and resilience among tribal populations.

Ultimately, this conference aspires to chart a roadmap for a future where economic growth is inclusive, development is sustainable, and tribal communities thrive as equal partners in a globalized world.

"Economic Growth, Sustainable Development and Tribal Empowerment: Challenges and Opportunities in a Globalized Era"

Theme 1: Economic growth, development and national accounts

Economic growth refers to the increase in a country's output of goods and services over time, typically measured by the rise in Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Economic development is broader, encompassing improvements in living standards, health, education, and economic opportunities. It focuses on reducing poverty and inequality alongside growth. National accounts provide a systematic framework to measure economic activity, including GDP, national income, savings, and investments. These accounts enable governments and organizations to track economic performance, formulate policies, and assess development progress. Together, growth, development, and national accounts offer insights into a nation's economic health and overall well-being.

Sub Themes:

- **Factors Driving Economic Growth:** (Technological advancements, Investment in infrastructure, Human capital development, Natural resource management)
- **Measuring Economic Growth:** (Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and its components, GDP per capita as an indicator of standard of living, Economic growth rate trends over time, Adjustments for inflation (Real vs Nominal GDP))
- **Sustainable Economic Growth:** (Green economy and renewable energy, Balancing economic growth with environmental preservation, Circular economy models, Role of sustainable industries and eco-friendly technologies)
- **Globalization and Economic Growth:** (Impact of international trade and investment, Influence of multinational corporations, Emerging markets and global supply chains)
- **Challenges to Economic Growth:** (Economic recessions and downturns, Inequality and uneven growth, Political instability and its impact on growth, External shocks (pandemics, wars, natural disasters))
- **Poverty Reduction and Income Inequality:** (Social welfare programs, Wealth redistribution policies, Microfinance and inclusive financial systems)
- **Human Development Index (HDI):** (Education, life expectancy, and income as pillars of development, Assessing the quality of life in developing countries, Role of healthcare and education in development)
- **Social Development:** (Access to basic services (healthcare, education, clean water), Gender equality and empowerment, Urbanization and rural development)
- **Inclusive Growth:** (Economic policies that promote equity, Role of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), Financial inclusion and digital economy)
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** (Impact of SDGs on national development plans, Environmental sustainability and climate action, Partnerships for development (international aid, NGOs, and local initiatives))
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and its Components:** (Consumption, investment, government spending, and net exports, Different approaches to calculating GDP (production, income, and expenditure methods))
- **National Income Accounting:** (Measuring national income (GNP, NNP, and other indicators), Income distribution within the economy, Net national income and depreciation)
- **Balance of Payments:** (Trade balance, current account, and capital account, Foreign direct investment and remittances, Exchange rates and their impact on the economy)
- **Fiscal Policy and Government Accounts:** (Government revenue and expenditure, Budget deficits and national debt, Taxation policies and their role in national accounts)
- **Sectoral Accounts:** (Contributions of different sectors (agriculture, industry, services), Role of public and private sectors in national accounts, Inter-sectoral linkages and the circular flow of income)

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Theme 2: Sustainable Development:

Sustainable development is a framework for growth that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It balances economic, social, and environmental dimensions to ensure long-term prosperity and well-being. Key principles include responsible resource use, reducing inequality, and fostering innovation while protecting ecosystems. Sustainable development goals (SDGs), established by the United Nations, provide a global blueprint, focusing on areas like poverty eradication, clean energy, and climate action. By promoting inclusive growth, environmental conservation, and equitable opportunities, sustainable development aims to create a resilient and thriving world for current and future generations.

Sub Themes:

- **Green Economy and Sustainable Commerce:** (The role of businesses in promoting sustainability through green products and services., Transitioning to low-carbon economies: Corporate strategies for reducing environmental footprints., The rise of circular economies and sustainable supply chains in global commerce.)
- **Sustainable Business Practices and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):** (CSR initiatives that support environmental conservation and social development., The impact of sustainable sourcing and ethical production on global markets., Integrating sustainability into business models: Benefits and challenges for companies.)
- **Eco-friendly Innovation and Market Transformation:** (Technological innovations driving eco-friendly products and services (e.g., renewable energy, electric vehicles),., The role of e-commerce in promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns., Circular economy models in commerce: Product life cycle, recycling, and waste reduction.)
- **Trade Policies and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** (Trade agreements promoting sustainability and environmental protection., The intersection of international commerce and the United Nations SDGs., Trade in environmentally friendly technologies and services (e.g., clean energy, sustainable agriculture)).
- **Sustainable Development in Emerging Markets and Global Commerce:** (Leveraging sustainable business practices in developing economies., Challenges and opportunities in fostering sustainable commercial growth in emerging markets., Investment in sustainable infrastructure and green technologies in developing nations.)
- **Sustainable Consumption and Consumer Behavior:** (The role of consumer choices in driving demand for sustainable products., Changing patterns of consumer behavior toward eco-conscious purchasing., E-commerce platforms as drivers of sustainable consumption.)

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Theme 3: Tribal Empowerment:

Tribal empowerment focuses on enhancing the social, economic, and political well-being of indigenous and tribal communities. It aims to preserve their unique cultural identities while fostering inclusion in mainstream development processes. Key elements include ensuring access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, while safeguarding land rights and natural resources. Empowerment also involves political representation, participation in decision-making, and protecting traditional knowledge and practices. Governments and organizations play a crucial role by implementing policies that respect tribal autonomy and promote self-reliance. Tribal empowerment seeks to reduce disparities, enhance quality of life, and enable tribes to thrive without losing their cultural heritage.

Sub Themes:

- **Growth and Sustainable Development in Tribal Regions:** (Strategies for integrating tribal economies into the mainstream while preserving their identity., Achieving sustainable development through green growth in tribal and rural areas.)
- **Economic Drivers of Tribal Migration:** (Analyzing the economic causes and consequences of tribal migration., Policies to address rural-to-urban migration and its impact on tribal communities., Resettlement and rehabilitation of displaced tribal populations.)
- **Commerce and Entrepreneurship in Tribal Economies:** (Fostering entrepreneurship and MSMEs in tribal regions for economic resilience., Promoting tribal crafts, arts, and local products through e-commerce platforms., Strengthening supply chains and market linkages for tribal goods.)
- **Inclusive Growth and Reducing Inequalities:** (Addressing economic and social disparities in tribal and underserved regions., Role of financial inclusion, education, and healthcare in reducing inequalities.)
- **Impact of Climate Change on Tribal Communities:** (Examining how environmental changes affect tribal livelihoods and migration patterns., Adopting climate-resilient strategies for sustainable development in tribal regions.)
- **Digital Economy and Tribal Integration:** (Using digital technologies to enhance economic opportunities in tribal areas., Expanding digital literacy and access to e-commerce for tribal artisans and entrepreneurs.)
- **Natural Resource Management and Tribal Livelihoods:** (Sustainable use of natural resources for economic development in tribal regions., Balancing resource extraction with environmental conservation and tribal rights.)
- **Globalization and Tribal Economies:** (Impacts of globalization on traditional tribal livelihoods and commerce., Opportunities for integrating tribal products into global markets.)
- **Migration, Urbanization, and Tribal Well-Being:** (Effects of urban migration on tribal communities' social and economic structures., Exploring policies for urban inclusion while supporting rural economic development.)
- **Education, Skill Development, and Economic Growth in Tribal Regions:** (Building human capital through skill training and educational initiatives., Promoting tribal participation in the modern workforce and entrepreneurial ventures.)

Abstract and Research Paper Submission Guidelines:

We invite researchers and learners to submit an original research paper on the aforementioned themes for the national conference. However, papers related to board themes are also welcome for the presentation. An abstract of about 250-500 words should be sent as an attachment in a word file mentioning:

- Name of the Participant
- Affiliation/Institution Details
- Address/E-mail
- Title of Presentation

The paper should be in about 3000 words typed in Times New Roman font 12 in 1.5 space, with an abstract of about 250-500 words. Papers without abstracts will not be considered. Articles should be typed in MS-WORD only. Research Papers on other formats, like pdf will not be considered.

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Date: - 25 February 2025

Full Paper Submission Date: - 3 March, 2025

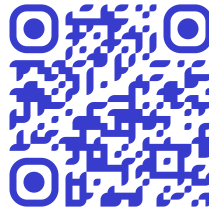
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Location:



Google Map Pathankot to Banikhet

Google Map Gaggal to Banikhet

Distance of Banikhet from Pathankot, Gaggal (Kangra Airport), and Amritsar, along with the available transportation options (bus and taxi):

Location	Distance to Banikhet	Travel Time (Approx.)	Transportation Options
Pathankot (Railway Station, Bus Stand and Airport)	80 km	1.5-2 hours	Buses (frequent), Taxis (easily available)
Gaggal Airport (Kangra)	98 km	3.5–4 hours	Buses, Taxis (readily available)
Amritsar (Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport)	190 km	5–6 hours	Buses, Taxis (available)

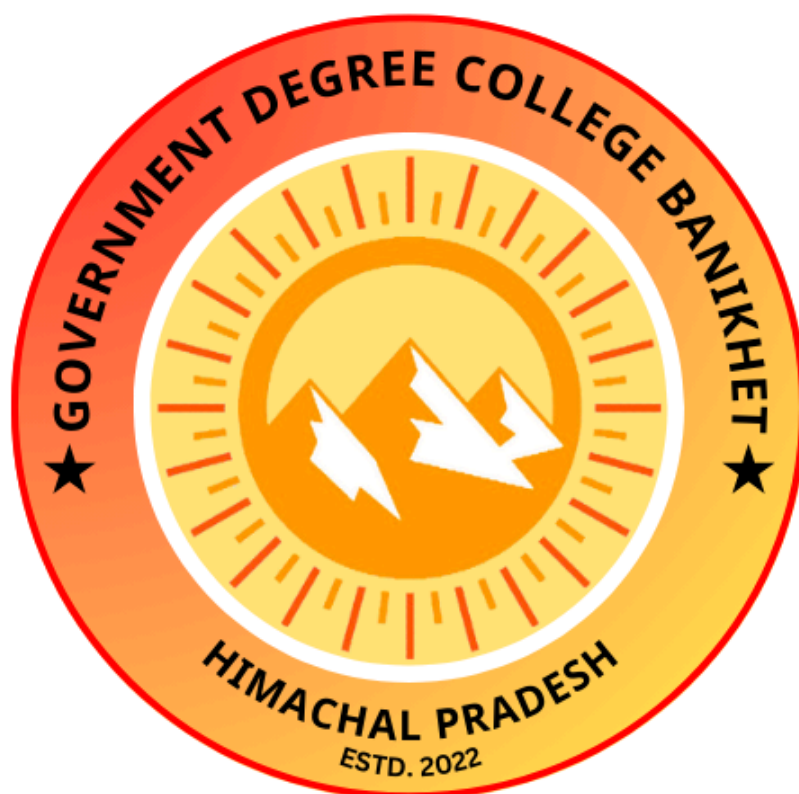
Transportation Options:

Bus Services:

- **Pathankot to Banikhet:** Regular Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation (HRTC), Punjab Roadways and private buses are available. Buses depart frequently from Pathankot Bus Stand. Fare ranges between ₹150 to ₹200.
- **Gaggal to Banikhet:** HRTC and Private buses coming from Kangra side towards Dalhousie and Chamba are available at Gaggal Airport.
- **Amritsar to Pathankot:** Frequent bus service from Amritsar to Pathankot is available.

Taxi Services:

- Taxis can be hired directly from Pathankot, Gaggal and Amritsar for a more comfortable and quicker journey.
- Prepaid and postpaid taxis are available at Pathankot Railway Station, Gaggal Airport, and Amritsar Airport.
- Fare: Estimated between ₹2,000 to ₹3,000, depending on the type of vehicle and negotiation



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