



FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS WITH FULL PAPER

The Global Indian Diaspora, Transnationalism and Sustainable Development

(Three Day Interdisciplinary International Conference)

27, 28, 29 April 2026

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Conference Themes

1. Migration Patterns and Diasporic Trajectories
2. Sociology, Social Demography, Culture and Diaspora
3. Diaspora and Identity Formation
4. Skilled Migration and Diaspora: Prospects and New Challenges
5. Transnational Practices and Networks
6. Transnationalism and Community Resilience
7. Policy Frameworks, Development Outcomes and Diaspora
8. Indian Traditional Knowledge and Diaspora
9. Data Sources, Methodology and Emerging Approaches to Migration and Diaspora in India
10. Representation and the Significance of Indian Diaspora across States (Gujarati, Bengali, Malayali, Punjabi, Odia, Bhojpuri, Marathi and others)
11. Labour Migration, Diaspora and Economic Growth
12. Migration/Diaspora Crisis and Role of Government Missions (e.g., Pandemics, Ethnic Conflicts, Vande Bharat Mission, Ukraine Crisis, etc.)
13. Transnationalism in Social Spheres
14. Migration, Diaspora and Citizenship
15. Climate Change, Migration, Policies and Diaspora
16. Impact of Immigration, Emigration and Legislative Laws on Migrants and Diaspora
17. Youth Diaspora and Engagement
18. Diaspora and Soft Power
19. Brain Drain vs. Brain Gain and Brain Circulation
20. Gender, Equity, Migration and Diaspora
21. NRI Marriages and Diaspora
22. Vulnerabilities, Migration and Diaspora
23. Old and New Diaspora
24. Indian Diaspora and Entrepreneurship
25. Policies, Immigration/Emigration Acts and Governance
26. Pandemic and Diaspora: Role of Agencies
27. Significance of Digital Documents and Oral History in the Indian Diaspora
28. Migrants and Diasporic Voices: Representation
29. Regional Girmitiya Diaspora and Preservation of History
30. Social Remittances and Cultural Sustainability
31. Transnational Practices, Networks and Diaspora
32. Special Focused Themes: Migration, Diaspora and Development of Gujarat – Opportunities and Global-to-Local Engagement (Remittances and Social Philanthropy, Business Networks, “Vibrant Gujarat” and Community Engagement, etc.)
33. Diasporic Literature and Indian Diaspora
34. Demographic Dividend, International Migration and Diaspora
35. Role of Indian Diaspora in the Freedom Struggle and Beyond
36. Role of Diaspora Associations across the World
37. Dalits and Minorities in the Indian Diaspora: Issues and Voices of Representation
38. Religious and Regional Diaspora and Identity Formation
39. International Relations and Diaspora

40. Role of Indian Diaspora in Achieving @2047 “Viksit Bharat”
41. Geography, Population Dynamics and Internal Diaspora
42. Migration and Diasporic Security
43. Maritime Diaspora
44. Refugees, Undocumented Migration and Diaspora
45. Social and Ethnic Media and the Indian Diaspora
46. Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and Indian Diaspora
47. Digital Diaspora and Innovation
48. Return Migration and Diaspora
49. Social Geography of World Diaspora

Note: Any other important associated sub-themes may be incorporated as per requirement.

Submission Guidelines

Abstract Length: 250-300 words, including keywords (up to 5), along with Current Academic Affiliation.

Full Paper Length (if selected): 5,000-8,000 words, along with Plagiarism report.

Format: MS Word, Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5 spacing.

Language: English (with options for Hindi/Gujarati abstracts if needed).

Review Process: Blind peer review.

Publication: Unpublished selected abstract/papers may be published in a conference abstract book, proceedings edited book/volume or a special journal issue (e.g., peer reviewed/indexed etc).

Registration and Fees

Indian Participants:

INR 1000 (Faculty/Professionals)

INR 750 (Research Students/Research Scholars)

International Participants:

100 USD (Faculty/Professionals)

50 USD (Students)

Inclusions: Conference kit, meals, and certificate.

Payment Mode: Bank details for payment of the registration fee will be shared via email only with participants whose abstracts have been accepted.

Accommodation: Priority accommodation (on a sharing basis) will be provided to participants who submit their full draft paper (5000 words) along with Plagiarism Report.

Arrangement for Others:

Those not accommodated, will be provided with the names and contact details of nearby hotels for self-paid accommodation.



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Centre for Diaspora Studies (Independent Centre)

Established in 2011, the Centre is dedicated to interdisciplinary research on global migration and diaspora, with a special focus on the Indian and Gujarati diaspora. It examines cultural, social, economic, political, and demographic dimensions, contributes to academic and policy discourse, and offers a Ph.D. programme in Diaspora Studies with a strong emphasis on research and field-based learning.

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