

**Department of Business Economics
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Call for Papers

**Innovation India: Inclusive Growth,
Technological Change and Job Creation**

Department of Business Economics (DBE) was established in 1973 under the University of Delhi with an aim to provide a platform, from where the students can imbibe the knowledge of economic analysis to apply it in the real business environment. DBE feels that research is an important and integral part of academics, which should be promoted at a larger level.

Department of Business Economics is happy to announce that it is organizing a conference on **“Innovation India: Inclusive growth, Technological Change and Job Creation.”** Selected papers from this conference will be published in an edited volume.

The pertinent details of the conference are given below:

(A) Themes for the Conference

Session I: Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Economy

Technology and innovation have been assuming increasing importance as a means for competition between nations across the world. Technological innovation not only induces growth of individual firms at the micro level but also gives a new direction to Industrial growth at the macro level. Decades of development experience have demonstrated that neither the State alone, nor unfettered market forces can lead to optimal outcomes, calling for the need to strike the right balance between the two. In this context the need of the hour is for the State to create the right conditions for fostering private enterprise. Allowing young India’s inherent strengths of diversity and entrepreneurship to come together to realize its full potential for creative innovation, is perhaps the most meaningful way ahead to create jobs and growth for all. It is high time that India utilizes its diversity to build the capabilities of our youth, create a positive business environment, adopts innovative practices to meet evolving challenges, such as, e.g., competition from Chinese firms and inculcates a culture that supports our budding entrepreneurs and businesses.

Topics Suggested: India’s Diversity and Technology; Next industrial revolution, Digitalization and Indian economy; Entrepreneurial Ecosystem; Industrial Clusters and Technological change;

Disruption of Industries and emergence of Sharing Economy; Venture Capital and Financing; Fintech and Indian Financial Sector; FDI; Firm Strategies and capabilities building; Mergers and Acquisition; Policy Analysis

Session II: Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth

Most economies, corporations and cities today face the challenge of achieving higher economic growth coupled with sustainable development, which rests on the three pillars of economic growth, social inclusion and environmental stewardship. As India progresses towards higher economic development, one of the key challenges that come our way would be to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth. Focussing upon the huge diversity of the country, it has become essential to focus on the growth and progress of our society as whole, both in terms economic and social development instead of banking upon a trickle-down effect. As India approaches its demographic dividend, there exists both an opportunity as well as a challenge for our policy makers. The opportunity lies in forcing into action the tremendous potential that agents in their prime working age possess, spurring production activity and discovering new horizons for growth. The challenge, on the other hand, entails keeping up with required structural changes for ensuring equitable and just growth which benefits our entire society today irrespective of the caste, color, gender etc. without compromising with the needs of our future generations.

Topics Suggested: India's Diversity and Inclusive Growth; Policy Evaluation; Environmental Concerns; Poverty and Inequality; Agriculture and Allied activities; Evidence based Policy; Rural Development; Health and Nutrition; Inter-State disparity; Growth drivers; Role of Informal Sector

Session III: Challenges for Job creation

India will be able to reap the benefits of its demographic dividend only if we are able to utilize the potential of our large workforce, which is expected to peak around 2030's efficiently. India faces severe challenges in terms of job creation, even when the share of jobs in the organized sector is increasing most people continue to be employed in the unorganized sector paving way for more informal jobs. Many problems such as inadequate investment in terms of education and infrastructure, credit to micro enterprises, structural problems, stringent labour laws etc. are said to be contributing to the grim job scenario in our country. Productive and formal employment creation depends on the availability of an adequately skilled workforce through sustained investments in skill development and fostering opportunities for job creation through entrepreneurship. To deal with India's skill deficit and increase employability, a range of policies which focus on creating a work-relevant education system, providing career guidance and life skills, providing technical and vocational education along with proper skill development are required.

Topics Suggested: India's Diversity and Livelihood Opportunities; Labour laws, Government Programmes, Education and Skill Development, Employability, Impact of technology on Jobs, Manufacturing Sector Growth, Role of Informal Sector; Non- farm sector development; Diversification; Job attrition; Cyclical fluctuations; Employment Quality; Gender Disparity

(B)Details for Submission

Submission:

This conference is open to all, everyone is free to participate.
Mode of submission will be online at: **dbconference@gmail.com**

Deadline for submission:

Abstract Submission: 30th December 2017 (Word limit: 300 words)
Notification of Acceptance: 15th January 2018
Complete paper Submission: 5th February 2018
Annual conference on: 1st March 2018
More details are available at: **<http://dbe-du.org>**

For any query: -

Please communicate at the email address: **dbconference@gmail.com**

Please Note: All deadlines will be strictly adhered to.

Registration:

There is no registration fees for the participants, but all participants are required to register at the conference venue.

All the participants and paper presenters will be given certificates.

Travel Grants:

Travelling grant through rail and bus for the paper-presenters from their place of work/study will be reimbursed, on production of valid tickets (to and fro) subject to the availability of funds.

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