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CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference on Youth for Impact 2.0: Advancing Social Equity, Inclusion and Transformative Leadership



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Indian Institute of Management Indore,

Prabandh Shikhar, Rau-Pithampur Road,

Indore, Madhya Pradesh, 453556, India

International Conference on
Youth for Impact 2.0: Advancing Social Equity, Inclusion and Transformative Leadership

Young people are powerful catalysts for social progress, innovation, and nation-building. Their creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, diverse perspectives, and commitment to collective well-being can play a transformative role in advancing social equity, strengthening inclusion, and fostering visionary leadership. As India progresses towards the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, empowering youth to participate meaningfully in social, economic, institutional, and community development is essential to building a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable nation. Recognising the immense potential of young people to shape a progressive and equitable future, the Indian Institute of Management Indore, in collaboration with the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, proposes the International Conference on Youth for Impact 2.0: Advancing Social Equity, Inclusion and Transformative Leadership**.**

The conference will bring together young researchers, academic scholars, practitioners, policymakers, social entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders from India and across the world to exchange ideas, share knowledge, and explore innovative approaches to inclusive and sustainable development. Through interdisciplinary dialogue and engagement with national and international experts, participants will examine how transformative leadership can empower young people, expand opportunities, promote social equity, and strengthen inclusive participation across diverse communities. The conference will provide a vibrant platform for cross-cultural learning, collaborative problem-solving, and the exchange of promising practices, fostering meaningful partnerships among youth, academic institutions, government bodies, industry, and civil society organisations. These engagements will help nurture responsible, innovative, and socially conscious leaders committed to India's development aspirations and global progress.

The three-day conference invites original research papers, conceptual articles, case studies, and practice-based insights addressing the interconnected themes of social equity, inclusion, youth empowerment, and transformative leadership. Deliberations will explore how young people can advance inclusive institutions, promote diversity and equal opportunities, strengthen participatory leadership, foster social innovation, and translate the Sustainable Development Goals into meaningful action. Particular emphasis will be placed on the contribution of youth-led initiatives and collaborative leadership to achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. By connecting research, policy, and practice, the conference aims to generate actionable insights, encourage innovative youth-led solutions, and establish enduring collaborations that harness the potential of India's youth as partners and leaders in nation-building. Ultimately, the conference seeks to inspire a future-ready generation equipped to advance social equity, champion inclusion, and lead transformative change towards a prosperous, empowered, and sustainable society.

OBJECTIVES

The conference aims to facilitate meaningful deliberations and dialogue on the role of youth as catalysts for social transformation, inclusive leadership, and nation-building, aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Its primary objectives are:

- To promote dialogue on social equity, inclusion, and equal opportunities for youth.
- To explore and strengthen transformative leadership and youth participation in governance and community development.
- To foster national and international collaborations among youth, academia, policymakers, and practitioners.
- To showcase and encourage youth-led initiatives that advance inclusive growth and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

CONFERENCE THEME

International Conference on Youth for Impact 2.0: Advancing Social Equity, Inclusion and Transformative Leadership

SUB-THEMES

The conference invites interdisciplinary contributions that explore the role of youth in advancing social equity, fostering inclusion, and driving transformative change across communities, organisations, and society. The sub-themes are designed to encourage dialogue and knowledge exchange across social psychology, management, entrepreneurship, gender studies, and social work, with a focus on youth-led innovation, grassroots leadership, and inclusive development.

1. **Youth Leadership for Social Equity, Gender Parity and Inclusive Development**
    - Gender equality, social inclusion, livelihood opportunities, and equitable access to resources.
2. **Youth-Led Social Innovation and Rural Community Transformation**
    - Grassroots leadership, rural entrepreneurship, community empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods.
3. **Inclusive Urban Development, Social Entrepreneurship and Community Well-being**
    - Inclusive cities, social innovation, civic engagement, behavioural change, and community-based solutions.
4. **Youth Leadership for Environmental Sustainability and Responsible Management**
    - Green entrepreneurship, sustainable business practices, circular economy, and community-led environmental initiatives.

Together, these sub-themes aim to showcase youth-led research and solutions to contemporary societal challenges, strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration, and advance inclusive and sustainable development in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE (TENTATIVE)

The proposed international conference will bring together eminent national and international academicians, industry leaders, and young researchers. The following segments will facilitate knowledge exchange, research discussions, and cultural engagement around the conference theme and its sub-themes:

- **Keynote Addresses:** Distinguished national and international experts will share perspectives on advancing social equity and strengthening inclusive leadership through youth participation.
- **Research Paper Presentations:** Participants will be invited to submit full-length original research papers aligned with the conference theme and its sub-themes. Submissions will undergo rigorous academic review, and selected authors will be invited to present their work and engage in discussions with experts and fellow participants.
- **Heritage Visit to Maheshwar or Mandu:** A heritage visit to Maheshwar or Mandu is proposed to introduce participants to the region's cultural and historical heritage. The visit will encourage cross-cultural interaction and reflection on the connections between local communities, heritage conservation, sustainable tourism, and inclusive development.

Together, these segments aim to enrich the conference experience by connecting academic learning with cultural understanding and practical perspectives. Detailed submission guidelines, acceptance criteria, and the programme for the heritage visit will be communicated separately.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The International Conference on *Youth for Impact 2.0: Advancing Social Equity, Inclusion and Transformative Leadership* invites original empirical (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-methods), theoretical research papers and case studies aligned with the conference theme and sub-themes. Submissions should contribute to advancing knowledge and practice in youth empowerment, social equity, inclusion, transformative leadership, and sustainable development.

The conference welcomes submissions from youth researchers below 35 years of age, scholars, and practitioners from India and abroad.

Submission Requirements

1. **Word Limit:** Full papers should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words, excluding references and appendices.
2. **Abstract and Keywords:** Each paper must include an abstract of 200–300 words and 4–6 keywords.
3. **Paper Structure:** Papers should include an introduction, research objectives or questions, literature review, methodology or conceptual framework, findings or theoretical arguments, discussion, implications, and conclusion, as appropriate to the nature of the study.
4. **Originality:** Submissions must present original work that has not been previously published. All sources must be appropriately acknowledged.

5. **Academic Quality:** Papers should demonstrate a clear research focus, engagement with relevant literature, sound methodological or theoretical foundations, and well-supported conclusions.
6. **Contribution and Implications:** Submissions should articulate their contribution to knowledge and discuss implications for policy, practice, or future research.
7. **Research Ethics:** Authors must report relevant ethical approvals and informed consent procedures, where applicable, and disclose any conflicts of interest.
8. **Formatting and Referencing:** Manuscripts must be submitted in editable Microsoft Word format, using Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5-line spacing, and one-inch margins. Citations and references must follow APA 7th edition consistently.
9. **Author Information:** A separate title page must include the paper title, full names of all authors, institutional affiliations, and contact details of the corresponding author. The main manuscript should be anonymised if double-blind peer review is followed.
10. **Review and Publication:** All submissions will undergo rigorous academic review based on relevance, originality, rigour, and contribution. Selected papers will be published as part of a formal compendium, with support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.
11. **Submission Deadline:** Authors must submit their papers by the deadline announced by the conference organisers and comply with all submission instructions.

SUBMISSION & CONTACT

Submit your paper through this link: Click here to submit your paper

For queries, contact the Organizing Committee: yficonference@iimidr.ac.in

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IMPORTANT DATES

Announcement of Call for Papers: October 30, 2026
Paper Submission Deadline: November 29, 2026
Notification of Acceptance: December 05, 2026
Conference Dates: January 07-09, 2027

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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