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Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar



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# National Conference

on

## Technology, Finance & AI as Catalysts for Accelerating Economic Growth

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**Organized By**

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# CONCEPT NOTE

In the 21st century, digitalization, financial innovation, and artificial intelligence (AI) are the key determinants for reshaping the foundations of economic growth. These factors are playing role for creating efficiency in production systems, financial markets, and governance structures. In India, the convergence of digital transformation, financial advancement, and initiatives such as Digital India, Startup India, and India AI mission is redefining the development landscape and empowering new pathways for faster economic growth. However, the intervention of technology and innovation in the growth trajectory is subject to both opportunities and challenges in the perspective of sustainable and inclusive growth. Thus, understanding and exploring forces influencing economic growth is of paramount importance for making well-informed strategic decisions and policy modelling.

In this context, the objective of this conference is to create a platform for policy maker, practitioner and academician to discuss innovative financial models, digital tools, and AI applications that promote inclusion, productivity, and equitable growth. Additionally, the conference will focus on policy discourse helpful for innovation while ensuring environmental sustainability. By fostering collaboration between academia and industry, it aspires to advance research and practical insights in the areas of digital finance, technological transformation and sustainable economic growth.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Indicative Themes

#### Digital Transformation and Economic Growth

- Leveraging digital technologies for productivity and competitiveness
- Digital infrastructure and the future of work in emerging economies
- E-governance and digital public services for inclusive growth
- Role of digital entrepreneurship and start-ups in shaping the new economy

#### Financial Innovation and Inclusion

- FinTech, digital payments, and financial democratization
- Block chain and decentralized finance: opportunities and regulatory challenges
- Inclusive banking models and microfinance in the digital era
- Financial literacy and consumer protection in a digital economy

#### Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Economic Development

- AI for productivity enhancement and innovation
- Ethical, transparent, and responsible use of AI in governance and finance
- AI-driven policy analytics for data-informed decision-making
- Human-machine collaboration and skills for the AI economy

#### Sustainable and Green Digital Economy

- Integrating sustainability with digital and financial innovation
- Green technologies, circular economy, and digital solutions for climate action
- Financing sustainable growth through innovative financial instruments
- Measuring and monitoring environmental impact in a digital age

## Policy, Regulation, and Governance in the Digital Age

- Policy frameworks for balancing innovation and risk
- Cybersecurity, data privacy, and digital trust in economic systems
- Regulating AI, FinTech, and digital markets for equitable growth
- International cooperation and global governance in a digital economy

## Academia–Industry–Government Collaboration for Innovation

- Building innovation ecosystems through public–private partnerships
- Translational research and the commercialization of digital technologies
- Skilling and capacity building for the digital economy workforce
- Collaborative platforms for sustainable innovation and inclusive growth

We also welcome thought-provoking research papers on the above themes, including but not limited to.

## Mode of Conference: Hybrid

## Best Paper Awards

Best three papers will be selected and awarded during the valedictory of the conference.

## Venue of the Conference

Conference Hall, Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar

## Accommodation

Twin sharing accommodation will be provided for selected out of state participants on first come first serve basis

**TA/DA** No Transport Allowance or Dearnes Allowance will be provided

## Important Dates & Submission Guidelines

Submission of Abstract / Full Paper	10 February 2026
Final Selection of paper for presentation	12 February 2026
Last date of registration	15 February 2026
Date of Conference	25–26 February 2026

**Abstract:** 300–350 words with 4–6 keywords and author affiliation details.

**Full Paper:** 4,000–6,000 words, including references, tables, and figures.

**Formatting:** Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5-line spacing, and standard 1-inch margins.

**Referencing Style:** APA (7th Edition).

File Format: MS Word (.docx).

**Submission Email:** [eco.conference@bgu.ac.in](mailto:eco.conference@bgu.ac.in)

**Note:** Selected papers, after peer review, will be considered for publication in the Conference Proceedings. A copy of the full paper must be submitted on or before the day of presentation, Registration fee is non refundable, Mere submission of paper doesn't claim any certificate or award

# Registration and Fee Payment

Registration and Fee Payment	Registration Link	Scan for Payment
<b>Registration Fee</b> (includes conference kit, high tea & lunch) <b>Research Scholar / Students:</b> Rs. 1000 <b>Academician:</b> Rs 3000 <b>Corporate:</b> Rs 5000	<a href="https://forms.gle/y8Px-qZ4KwGAb69P7A">https://forms.gle/y8Px-qZ4KwGAb69P7A</a>	

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# About Birla School of Economics Birla Global University

The **Birla School of Economics** is a constituent school of Birla Global University (BGU). The school is committed to provide cutting-edge education in the field of economics. It offers programs like BSc. in Economics, MA/MSc. In Financial Economics, MSc. in Economics, and PhD in Economics. The curriculum is designed to blend theoretical concepts with practical knowledge, preparing students to confront contemporary challenges in the field of economics and financial market. The school adopts a Multi-disciplinary approach and offers industry-relevant courses as per the New Education Policy 2020 framework. It provides Hands-on Training with Econometrics Lab, training for using different types of statistical software's like R, E-Views, STATA, SPSS and economic analysis with machine learning etc.

# About School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management, IIT Bhubaneswar

The School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management at Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar corroborates many humanistic disciplines through teaching and research across Economics, English, Psychology, and Philosophy. The school's aim is to help students develop the requisite communicative, analytic, critical and cultural knowledge to thrive in all aspects of their lives. Currently, the school offers courses on doctoral programs in Economics, English, psychology, and Philosophy. Along with these diverse academic departments, the school is home to a wide variety of interdisciplinary collaborations, path-breaking research projects, and unique areas of study.



# About Bhubaneswar

## Bhubaneswar– The Temple City of India

Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha, beautifully blends history and modernity. Renowned for its ancient temples, the city has been a hub of Hindu pilgrimage for over a thousand years. Visitors can explore the historic Old Town, marvel at architectural marvels, and enjoy modern facilities, making Bhubaneswar an ideal destination for culture and tourism enthusiasts.

### Major Places to visit:

**Dhauli Hill**, located on the banks of the Daya River near Bhubaneswar, is a site of immense historical and spiritual significance. It is believed to be the location of the Kalinga War, after which Emperor Ashoka embraced Buddhism and non-violence. The hill is home to the magnificent **Shanti Stupa (Peace Pagoda)**, built by the Japanese Buddhist organization, which attracts pilgrims and tourists alike. Visitors can enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, explore ancient rock edicts, and learn about India's transformation under Ashoka. Dhauli combines history, spirituality, and natural beauty, making it a must-visit destination in Odisha.

**The Konark Sun Temple**, built in the 13th century by King Narasimhadeva-I, is one of India's most iconic monuments. Designed in the shape of a colossal chariot, it features intricately carved stone wheels, pillars, and walls that reflect the grandeur of Odisha's temple architecture. Located in Konark, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is also known as the **Black Pagoda**. Despite parts of the structure being in ruins, it continues to attract visitors from around the world who come to admire its artistic excellence and historical significance. The temple is celebrated as a symbol of India's rich cultural heritage.



**Puri**, a coastal city in Odisha, is one of India's most important pilgrimage destinations. Located around 60 km south of Bhubaneswar, it is renowned for the **Jagannath Temple**, an 11th-century marvel attracting millions of devotees every year. The city is part of the sacred Char Dham circuit, which also includes Badrinath, Dwaraka, and Rameswaram, making it essential for Hindu pilgrims. Beyond its religious significance, Puri offers beautiful beaches, cultural festivals, and vibrant local markets. Visitors can experience traditional Odisha cuisine, handicrafts, and rituals, making Puri a perfect blend of spirituality, culture, and natural beauty.

**The Lingaraj Temple**, located in the heart of Bhubaneswar, is one of Odisha's most iconic and revered Hindu temples. Dedicated to **Lord Shiva**, the temple is an exquisite example of Kalinga-style architecture, featuring intricately carved stone pillars and sculptures that reflect centuries of craftsmanship. Built in the 11th century, it remains an active place of worship, attracting devotees and tourists. The temple complex also includes smaller shrines dedicated to other deities. With its rich history, spiritual significance, and architectural grandeur, Lingaraj Temple is a must-visit destination for those exploring Bhubaneswar and Odisha's cultural heritage.



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