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# NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Gender Equity in Urban India Bridging Gaps through Policy Planning & Public Finance

A NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR ACADEMICIANS, POLICYMAKERS,  
PRACTITIONERS, AND RESEARCHERS

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY  
REGIONAL CENTRE FOR URBAN & ENVIRONMENTAL  
STUDIES (RCUES), OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

AND

GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING (GRB) CELL  
ARUN JAITLEY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT (AJNIFM)

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17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Venue: Osmania University, Hyderabad  
Mode: Hybrid (In-person and Online Participation)

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

India's rapid urbanization has transformed cities into engines of growth, innovation, and opportunity. However, persistent gender disparities continue to shape women's access to employment, safety, housing, health services, mobility, and decision-making in urban spaces. Public finance, urban planning, and governance structures play a critical role in either reinforcing or reducing these inequalities.

This National Conference seeks to bring together scholars, policymakers, urban planners, financial experts, and development practitioners to engage in evidence-based discussions on advancing gender equity in urban India. The conference provides a multidisciplinary platform to examine policy frameworks, financing mechanisms, and institutional reforms required to create inclusive, safe, and gender-responsive cities, in alignment with national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

## Conference Objectives

- To examine gender disparities in urban labour markets, infrastructure, and service delivery
- To explore gender-responsive budgeting and public finance tools at the city level
- To share research, best practices, and innovative models for inclusive urban governance
- To strengthen collaboration between academia, government, and development institutions



# BROAD THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

“Gender Equity in Urban India: Bridging Gaps through Policy, Planning, and Public Finance”

## CONFERENCE TRACKS AND INDICATIVE SUB-THEMES

The conference is organized around the following thematic tracks to facilitate focused deliberations. The sub-themes listed under each track are indicative in nature and not exhaustive.

### 1. TRACK I: WOMEN’S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION AND URBAN LIVELIHOODS

- Women in urban labour markets and workforce participation
- Urban migration, informality, and gendered vulnerabilities
- Care economy, time poverty, and urban service provision
- Women, urban poverty, and social protection mechanisms




## **2. TRACK II: GENDER-RESPONSIVE URBAN PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PUBLIC FINANCE**

- Gender-responsive urban infrastructure, housing, and mobility
- Urban land use, property rights, and asset ownership
- Gender-responsive budgeting at city and metropolitan levels
- Urban finance reforms and gender-differentiated outcomes

## **3. TRACK III: URBAN GOVERNANCE, SAFETY, AND JUSTICE SYSTEMS**

- Urban safety, policing, and justice systems
- Institutional mechanisms for gender-responsive urban governance
- Women's participation in urban decision-making processes

## **4. TRACK IV: PUBLIC HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND URBAN SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Public health, reproductive rights, and urban service delivery
  - Urban ageing, disability, and intersectionality
  - Access to health, nutrition, and care services in urban settings
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## **5.TRACK V: EDUCATION, SKILLS, AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN URBAN CONTEXTS**

- Urban education systems and skill ecosystems
- Gender dimensions of the urban digital divide
- Technology-enabled solutions for gender-inclusive urban development

## **6.TRACK VI: CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND URBAN RESILIENCE**

- Women, climate vulnerability, and urban resilience
  - Gender and sustainable urban environmental practices
  - Climate-responsive urban planning and disaster risk reduction
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## CALL FOR PAPERS

Researchers, academicians, policymakers, practitioners, and research scholars are invited to submit original research papers aligned with the main theme and sub-themes of the conference. Papers may be conceptual, empirical, or policy-oriented and should contribute to advancing discourse on gender equity in urban India through policy, planning, and public finance perspectives.

Selected papers will be presented during the technical sessions of the conference.

## PLAGIARISM GUIDELINES

Plagiarism in any form is not acceptable. If plagiarism is detected, the paper will be rejected and will not be permitted for presentation at the Conference. Authors are requested to submit the plagiarism report along with the paper.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 15th February 2026
- Notification of Acceptance: 18th February 2026
- Full Paper Submission: 5th March 2026

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# TENTATIVE PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

## Day 1 – 17th March 2026

- Inaugural Session
- Keynote and Special Addresses
- Panel Discussion on Gender Equity in Urban India
- Technical Session I

## Day 2 – 18th March 2026

- Panel Session on Women's Economic Participation
- Technical Session II
- Valedictory & Closing Session

**The detailed programme schedule, registration process, and link for online participation will be shared with registered participants in due course.**

### PARTICIPANTS

- **Academicians and Researchers**
- **Policy Makers and Urban Practitioners**
- **Paper Presenters**
- **Postgraduate Students and Research Scholars**
- **Officials from Central, State, and Local Governments**

# REGISTRATION FEE AND ACCOMMODATION

**No TA/DA** will be borne by the organizers. Accommodation on sharing basis in the university Guest house/hostel will be provided for the participants. However Accommodation and hospitality during the conference days will be taken care.

## The registration fee structure is given below:

Paper Presenters are requested to remit the fee using the bank account details below:

**Director, RCUES**

**A/c No. 52198260670**

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