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International Seminar on

GST REFORMS AND THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS ON THE INDIAN ECONOMY: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

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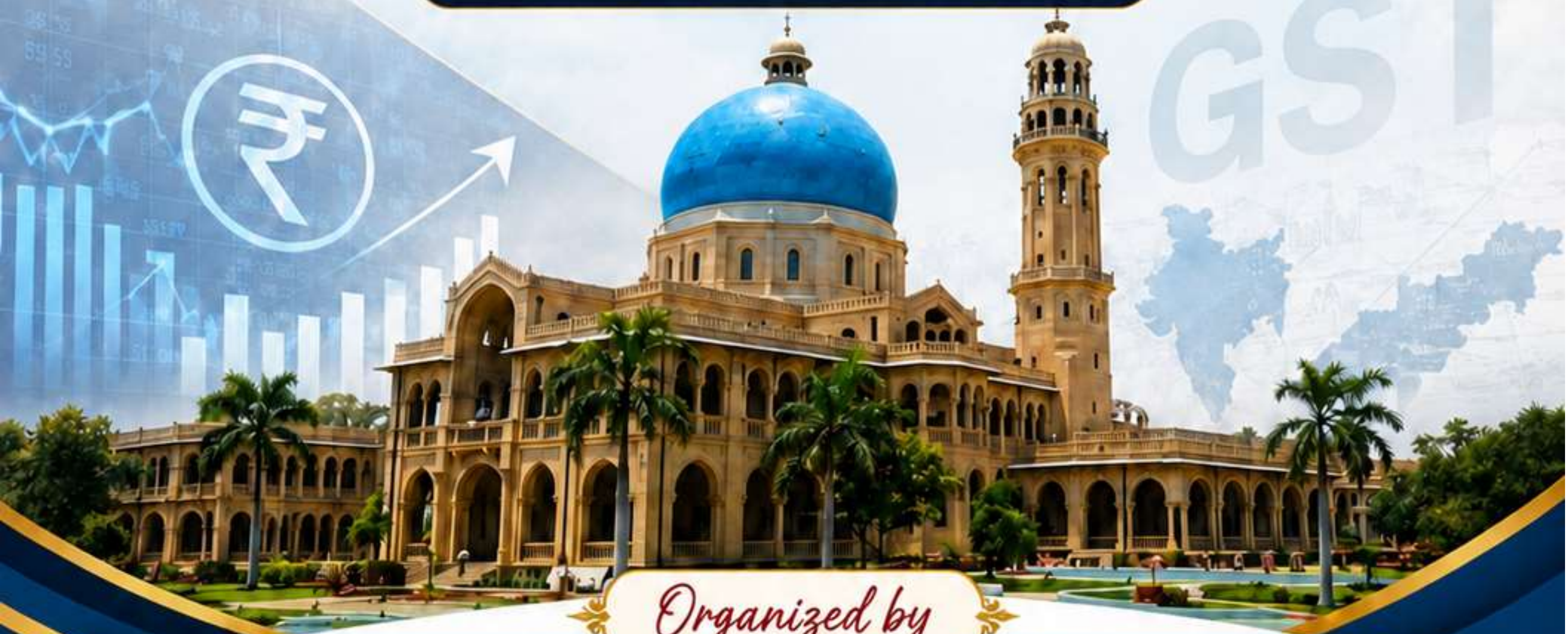

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Allahabad is a Central University established in 1887, located in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. It is the fourth-oldest modern university in India and is recognized as an 'Institute of National Importance'. The University's origins lie in Muir Central College, named after Sir William Muir, who suggested the idea of a Central University at Allahabad. Also, It was known as the Oxford of the East'. As a Central University Its status was re-established through the University of Allahabad Act 2005 by the Parliament of India.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Economics at the University of Allahabad became a full-fledged department in 1914 with the appointment of Herbert Stanley Jevons, son of W.S. Jevons, as its first Professor and Head. In the same year, postgraduate courses were introduced alongside undergraduate programmes. The department has been shaped by eminent scholars such as C.D. Thompson, A.R. Burnett-Hurst, S.K. Rudra, B.P. Adarkar, J.K. Mehta, P.C. Jain, and others. It currently has 33 sanctioned faculty positions, with 18 faculty members in place. The department hosts a Planning and Development (NITI Aayog) Unit and was selected under UGC's SAP (DRS-I, II, and III). It aspires to become a Centre for Advanced Study and possesses a well-equipped library and statistical computer.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India in July 2017 marked a major structural transformation of the country's indirect tax system by integrating multiple central and state taxes into a unified national framework. Over the past eight years, GST has evolved through continuous reforms, including rate rationalisation, digitalisation, e-invoicing, and simplified return mechanisms. While these reforms have strengthened tax buoyancy, expanded the formal tax base, and improved inter-state market integration, they have also created significant challenges related to compliance costs, transitional adjustments for MSMEs and the informal sector, revenue stability for states, and distributional impacts on households. In this backdrop, the proposed International Seminar titled "GST Reforms and Their Socio- Economic Implications on the Indian Economy: Issues, Challenges and Perspectives" aims to provide a comprehensive academic platform to critically examine the macroeconomic, fiscal, sectoral, and welfare dimensions of GST reforms. The seminar will assess the impact of GST on economic growth, productivity, employment, household welfare, fiscal federalism, Centre–State financial relations, and institutional governance, while drawing comparative insights from international GST/VAT systems. The seminar will bring together international experts, Indian academics, policymakers, tax administrators, industry representatives, and young researchers to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and evidence-based policy discussions. The expected outcomes include high-quality academic publications, a policy brief for the GST Council and Ministry of Finance, and strengthened collaboration among academia, government, and industry. Through rigorous research engagement and policy dialogue, the seminar seeks to contribute meaningfully to the strengthening, equity, and long-term sustainability of India's GST framework.

OBJECTIVES THE SEMINAR

- To assess the evolution and performance of GST reforms in India since 2017.
- To examine the socioeconomic impacts of GST on economic growth, productivity, employment, household welfare, and income distribution.
- To explore the implications of GST on fiscal federalism, Centre–State financial relations, and the compensation framework.
- To understand the challenges faced by MSMEs, the informal sector, and industry supply chains under GST.
- To analyse the technological and administrative dimensions of GST, including GSTN, e-way bills, and e-invoicing.
- To draw comparative insights from international GST/VAT systems to identify lessons relevant for India.
- To develop recommendations for future reforms aimed at enhancing efficiency, equity, and revenue sustainability.

SUB THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

The following sub-themes are to be covered -

- **GST and economic growth: productivity, investment, efficiency, and inter-state trade**
- **GST and fiscal federalism: Centre–State relations, revenue sharing, and compensation**
- **GST and MSMEs: compliance, costs, competitiveness, and digital readiness**
- **GST and the informal sector: formalisation, compliance challenges, and structural adjustments**
- **GST and household welfare: price impacts, consumption shifts, and distributional outcomes**
- **GST administration and technology: role of GSTN, e-invoicing, and digital governance**
- **Impact of GST on Commodity and Capital Market**
- **Cross-country experiences: lessons from Canada, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, and EU VAT**
- **Revenue mobilisation, tax buoyancy, and long-term sustainability of GST**
- **Political economy of GST reforms: governance, public trust, and institutional behaviour**
- **Future roadmap: rate rationalisation, simplification, and structural reforms**
- **GST and Insurance Sector**
- **War, energy, tariffs and GST**

Important Dates

Last date of submission of Abstract - 14.08.2026

Intimation of acceptance of Abstract - 22.08.2026

Last date of Submission of Full Paper along with Registration Fee - 22.09.2026

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