



NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

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TO PROGRESS IN HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT -

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITY:

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About the Seminar

India is about to change its future course or *Viksit Bharat @ 2047* wonderful is the way to put it. "*Viksit Bharat @2047*" means the 100th birthday of India turning out to be a fully-fledged country. This target of becoming developed is not just to increase the nation's income alone, but also to upgrade the entire social aspects, in particular to give the people more power and independence through their increased awareness besides the development of technology, environmental protection by the use of renewable resources, etc.

The foundation for such a future lies in the quality of the human resources of the country. A healthy, educated, and motivated population is the main engine for innovation, productivity, and sustained growth. Accordingly, the Human Resource Development (HRD) goal has rightly been recognized as the backbone of the *Viksit Bharat* mission.

The concept of a *Viksit Bharat @2047* along with the objectives stated in the National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020 and India's pledge to the UN SDGs demand a shift to more coordinated and locally-led development. Such a revolutionary geospatial-centric approach would at once be a precise new topic for a national-level dialogue, which would provide fresh insights into the location-based intervention aspect of the HRD agenda.

This forthcoming national seminar could very well be the dynamic stage for such discussion to happen. The aim is to bring together the Professors, the Geographers, the Social Scientists, Policy Makers, and the Practitioners to one platform and discuss alongside the multifaceted investigations on the potential of Geography for nurturing the human capital of the Indian society. By understanding the continuous 'Challenges' and 'Opportunities' in Seminar, participants can brainstorm, interact, and cooperate to organize a series of research, and practice, as well as suggest strategies.

This seminar being held in Varanasi would definitely be a very meaningful event. Varanasi being an ancient place of learning, spirituality, and culture is an epitome of harmony between tradition and modernity. Moreover it also provides an intellectually stimulating atmosphere as home to Banaras Hindu University- an institution of world repute. The challenges faced by the city and the region of Purvanchal are almost similar to the issues enumerated in the seminar agenda and hence it becomes a living laboratory for the discussions which could bring out their own solutions. Consequently, this exercise is neither an extravaganza nor just a gathering of the intellectuals but a timely and indispensable national summit aimed at geography as a tool to visualize and actualize the idea of "Viksit Bharat" that is just, sustainable, and prosperous.

Sub-themes of the Seminar

The seminar will be structured around the following sub-themes, which are indicative and not exhaustive. Papers on other related topics are also welcome. Some of the proposed sub-themes are: -

- Contribution of Geography in Viksit Bharat @2047
- Spatial Dimensions of Education and Skill Development
- Geographies of Health, Wellness, and Nutrition
- Migration, Mobility, and Human Capital
- Gender, Social Inclusion, and Regional Development
- Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change, and Human Well-being
- Urbanisation, Smart Cities, and Quality of Life
- Rural Development, Agrarian Change, and Livelihood Security
- Geospatial Technologies in Human Resource Planning and Management
- Geopolitics, Borders, and Human Security
- Policy, Governance, and Geographical Insights

Call for Paper

Papers on the themes of the Seminar are invited. Participants are requested to fill out the online registration form and submit the abstract by **05th February 2026**. Full papers must reach the Convener by **15th February 2026**. The manuscript of the full paper should be submitted at the specified email given below. Participants are requested to preferably submit only one abstract of the paper to the seminar.

Abstracts should be submitted **online only in MS Word Format (.docx) in Font Times New Roman /Kruti Dev 110 (12 pts)**

The website for registration will be

<https://seminar.mygeography.us.kg>

Abstract and Full papers should be sent by email to

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