

The logo for VikasAnvesh Foundation (VAF) consists of the letters 'VAF' in a stylized, serif font. The 'V' and 'A' are connected at the top, and the 'F' is separate. The background of the entire poster is a warm brown color with a decorative border of small white squares. A central graphic shows a line of small human figures holding hands, forming a semi-circle. Various silhouettes of rural Indian life are scattered throughout: a cow in the top left, a goat in the top right, a horse in the middle left, a bull in the middle right, and a person in the bottom left and right.

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CONFERENCE ON RURAL INDIA TOWARDS INCLUSION OF THE MARGINALISED

DATE:

7TH TO 9TH NOVEMBER 2019

VENUE:

BAIF CAMPUS, PUNE

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VAF is organising its second annual conference titled "Rural India: Towards Inclusion of the Marginalised" on 7th – 9th November 2019, in Pune. The conference aims to bring together researchers, policymakers, representatives of the civil society and media to discuss the important yet unattended issues facing the development sector.

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

Scaling up of Sustainable Agriculture-

Many civil society organisations as well as state have been promoting sustainable agriculture and the use of organic inputs through different schemes and programmes. This research theme aims to identify the challenges affecting the spread of sustainable farming practices and to characterise promising interventions for scaling up of sustainable farming practices.

Commons Property Resources and Rural Livelihoods-

Common Property Resources (CPR) play a crucial role in the rural economy. The focus of the theme is to explore the linkages between CPR and livelihoods in the context of changing rural landscape along with the factors affecting the dependence of rural people on CPR. This session aims to discuss the relevance of CPRs in the current context with the experience derived from multi-location studies.

Under-Representation of Muslims in Higher Education-

Muslims are often under-represented in higher education in India due to various socio-economic factors. This theme aims at discussing the research findings on the causes of under-representation of Muslims in higher education and perspectives of the youth, professionals and civil society organisation leaders among the Muslim community on this issue.

Challenges faced by the Government in serving Scattered & Disenfranchised Groups-

In rural India, the government finds it very challenging to reach out to Scattered & Disenfranchised Groups (S & DGs). This theme aims to discuss various administrative challenges faced by the administration in providing benefits of welfare schemes to S & DGs.

Welfare and Healthcare of Rural Elderly-

The elderly population is one of the most vulnerable sections of our society. High burden of illness and compromised access to welfare schemes is added by neglect at the family level. This theme aims to understand various problems of the elderly through evidence from different studies and discuss possible solutions.

Research in development sector with connection to the grassroots is limited. In order to encourage evidence based research for development, we also welcome research papers outside aforesaid themes but with high relevance to rural development.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for receipt of abstract - 25th September 2019

Acceptance of paper - 5th October 2019

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Registration fee: Rs 1500/- (This includes conference materials, lunch and tea)
- VAF will not support any travel or accommodation costs.
- The link for registration shall be available on www.vikasanvesh.in

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- The abstract should contain a short background, methodology, and results and discussion.
- It should be well-articulated, not exceeding 500 words. The abstracts should be submitted to conference@vikasanvesh.in via email. Kindly mention the theme under which you are submitting your paper in the mail.
- Kindly submit the abstract in word file and mention your name and contact details at the bottom. Font- Times New Roman, 12, Line-spacing-1.5.
- Preference will be given to evidence-based studies and articles.
- Selected abstracts will be considered for publication by India Development Review (IDR) in their Popular Articles or Ground Up sections.

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