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Organizes

A Two-Day National Seminar
on

Next Generation GST Reforms Paving the Roadmap to Viksit Bharat @2047 & Atmanirbhar Bharat

August 20-21, 2026

J.M Keynes Hall
Dept. of Economics

About the University

The Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), Thiruvarur, is a prominent educational institution in India with NAAC A+, 99th NIRF rank, 12th in IIRF, and 55th in Nature Index is located in temple region of Tamil Nadu. It is with 13 Schools and 28 Departments, offering a broad range of 64 academic programs. These include 29 research, 22 specialized, 6 integrated, 2 undergraduate, and multiple PG diploma courses. The university stands as a beacon of hope, bridging the gap between aspirations and opportunities for all sections of society. It maintains a deep-rooted commitment to inclusivity, sustainability and diversity cultural heritage of Indian society.

About the Department

The Department of Economics, established in 2011, was one of the first in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities. The department offers five-year integrated, two-year MA and PhD program in Economics as per NEP 2020. It has 8 regular and 2 guest faculty from various parts of India with diverse specializations. The department emphases both theory and application in learning with latest technologies and softwares. It offers value-added courses for employability and promotes interdisciplinary learning and overall development of the students. The Department is renowned for its excellent internship and placement opportunities.

Conference – An Overview

India's vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 and Atmanirbhar Bharat requires a strong and efficient fiscal system. The introduction of GST on July 1, 2017, marked a major reform by unifying indirect taxes under "One Nation, One Market, One Tax." As India moves toward 2047, the focus is on next-generation GST reforms that simplify taxation, improve compliance, support ease of doing business, and strengthen emerging sectors such as the digital economy, AI-driven services, renewable energy, and MSMEs. In this context, the Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu is organizing a National Conference on "Next Generation GST Reforms: Paving the Roadmap to Viksit Bharat @2047 and Atmanirbhar Bharat" to bring together policymakers, academicians, researchers, and industry experts to discuss the future of GST and its role in inclusive and sustainable economic development.

Themes & Sub-themes of the conference

1. GST Reforms and MSMEs, Start-ups, and Entrepreneurship

- Simplified GST Compliance and its Role in Start-up Ecosystem
- Input Tax Credit Mechanism: Issues and Prospects for MSMEs
- Digital Platforms and E-Invoicing: Opportunities for Small Businesses
- Role of GST in Promoting Self-Reliance and Innovation-led Growth

2. Sectoral Analysis : Growth Potential in Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Services

- GST and Agricultural Value Chains: From Farm to Market Efficiency
- Manufacturing Competitiveness and Supply Chain Integration Post-Reforms
- GST and Service Sector Transformation: IT, Finance, and Tourism Perspectives
- Evaluating GST's Role in Enhancing Make in India and Export Growth

3. GST and Digital Economy : E-Commerce, Insurance, and Fintech

- Taxation of Digital Goods and Services: Challenges and Global Benchmarks
- GST and the Emerging E-Commerce Ecosystem
- Fiscal Reforms in the Insurance and Financial Services Sector

4. Healthcare, Real Estate & Rural Industries under the New GST Regime

- GST Reforms and Affordability of Healthcare Products and Services
- Real Estate and Construction: Boosting Transparency and Reducing Costs
- Fiscal Incentives for Rural Industrialization and Local Value Chains
- Infrastructure Development and Public-Private Partnerships in Rural Sectors

5. Governance, Federalism, and Fiscal Sustainability

- Centre-State Coordination in GST Council: Strengthening Cooperative Federalism
- Fiscal Sustainability, Revenue Neutrality, and State Autonomy
- Transparency, Compliance, and Anti-Evasion Mechanisms in GST 2.0
- Role of Data Analytics, AI, and Block chain in Future GST Administration

6. Any Other GST-related Topic

- Comparative Studies Of GST Models: lessons from Global Best Practices
- Role of Academia and Civil Society in Tax Policy Research
- Issues and Challenges of GST Implementation
- GST and its implementation in rural India
- GST and Social Welfare Financing: Linking Tax to Development

Guidelines to Author

- Abstract should be within 250–300 words.
- Full paper should be original and unpublished.
- The papers must be written in Microsoft Word using Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing.
- The length of the full paper should be between 4000-6000 words.
- APA referencing style should be followed.
- Co-authorship is allowed with a maximum of two authors per paper.
- Authors should submit the abstract and full paper in MS Word format.
- The decision of the review committee will be final.
- Participants are requested to register before the deadline.

Registration Fee

UG / PG Students	: Rs.300
Scholars	: Rs.400
Faculty, Academicians & Others	: Rs.500

There is no registration fee for CUTN students

Accommodation and Food

The author (only one in the case of multiple authors) of a selected research paper will be provided with modest accommodation in the University Guest House on a shared basis (two per room) from August 19, 2026 (Evening) to August 22, 2026 (Morning). Food will be provided during this period.

Important Dates

Last date for Submission of abstract	: 20th July, 2026
Intimation of selected paper on or before	: 27th July, 2026
Last date for submission of full paper cum abstract	: 3rd August, 2026

Best Paper Award

Best Paper Awards will be presented to outstanding research papers based on originality, relevance, methodology, and presentation. Separate awards may be given for Faculty/Research Scholars and Student categories. Awardees will receive a certificate and memento during the valedictory session. The decision of the evaluation committee will be final.

How to Apply ?

The Author/Delegates need to fill and submit the online registration form via google form given below: Registration Link:

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