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Themes

- **Theme 1: Covid-19 and the Economy.**
- **Theme 2: Assessment of Pandemic and Post-pandemic Policies for Vulnerable Sectors and Groups.**
- **Theme 3: Education, Employment and Skill Development.**
- **Theme 4 (Special Theme): Development Experience & Challenges, and Strategies for India@75.**

17th Annual Conference, Final Call for Papers and Announcement

January 14, 2022

The 17th Annual Conference of the Uttar Pradesh Uttarakhand Economic Association (UPUEA), with Prof. P.K. Sinha, Former Vice-Chancellor, as the Conference President, is scheduled to be held in the **Last week of April 2022** at Sharda University, Greater Noida, G. B. Nagar. **The Conference Brochure which will additionally provide Conference venue, dates, and logistics will be circulated within the next few days.**

Conference Themes and Sub-Themes for Paper Writers

The 17th Annual Conference of the UPUEA is being held at a time when India is celebrating its 75th year of independence and the country is poised for major transformations. India has established an enviable record in many areas, but at the same its growth and development performance has lagged behind several countries in east and south-east Asia. Further, income and employment growth had slowed down in the years leading up to the Covid-19 Crisis.

Since 2020, the country and the world are being ravaged by the Covid-19 pandemic, which has not only affected the health and well-being of the population, but has also given a major shock to economic growth and employment. This has affected the poor and vulnerable sections most of all. While there was a major setback to the economy in 2020-21, the economy began to recoup in 2021-22, despite the second Covid-19 wave and aggregate economic activity reached the pre-Covid level in the second quarter of the year. However, the third wave is again threatening the pace and pattern of recovery.

This is, therefore, an opportune moment not only to reflect on India's long term trajectory of growth and development since independence, but also the immediate challenges posed by the pandemic, which also could have longer-term consequences. As pointed out above, these challenges are not the same for all sections of society. Current evidence shows that inequality has increased even as the poorer sections, the young, women workers, and the informal sector have been hugely impacted.

Therefore, this Conference will be organized under an overarching theme viz **India @75: An assessment of Development Challenges in the light of Covid-19**. The papers at the Conference are further invited to use the lens of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand to dwell on development challenges, responses, and alternative strategies and paradigms. In the light of the above, the following are the themes for the forthcoming conference:

Theme 1: Covid-19 and the Economy

This theme would explore the overall growth performance of the country, currently impacted by Covid-19, with special focus on Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. As pointed out above, the impact of the crisis is highly differentiated across groups of the population and sectors. Moreover, it is deeply interwoven with the impact of the crisis globally through disruption of global supply chains and impact on imports and exports of commodities and services. Hence, papers in these theme, would, *inter alia*, cover the following sub-themes::

- i. Prospects of Employment and Economic Growth.
- ii. Distributional Aspects of Growth and the Pandemic on Incomes, Gender and Human Development.
- iii. Growth of the Informal Sector, MSME and the Large Corporate Sector.
- iv. Aspects of Sectoral Growth and Trade.

Theme 2: Assessment of Pandemic and Post-pandemic Policies for Vulnerable Sectors and Groups.

The current pandemic has brought the focus on migrant and informal workers who form the backbone of the workforce, as well as other vulnerable groups that have been deeply impacted. Both UP and Uttarakhand are important source states of migrants and have a higher than national share of the informal workforce. The vulnerability of the migrants and informal workers led to policy responses which have drawn attention to the significance of rural regeneration and regionally balanced development; strengthening of the health sector and the issue of health for all, and dimensions of macro policy which can strengthen policy responses aimed at vulnerable groups. In the light of the above, this theme will focus on the following broad sub-themes:

- i. Migrant and Informal Workforce: its status, impact of the pandemic and policy responses.
- ii. Rural Regeneration and Balanced Regional Development.
- iii. Strengthening the Health System – during and Beyond the Pandemic.
- iv. Monetary and Fiscal Dimensions of Policy Management for Vulnerable Sectors and Groups.

Theme 3: Education, Employment and Skill Development

Education has both implicit and functional value in society. It has a close link to employment at the individual level and growth and technological progress at the macro level. The recognition of the right of every child to education has led to a

significant expansion in enrolments which has spilled over both to the secondary and higher education levels. The New Education Policy has attempted to set a new course of action for the growth of education in future years which needs to be thoroughly debated. At the same time, the Covid-19 crisis has further sharpened duality and the digital divide and is threatening the gains made, especially for the poorer sections of society. These themes will therefore a discursive view of the education and skills in India in the light of changes in the labour market and the future of work. It will focus on the following sub-themes:

- i. Education Commissions, Committees and Policies through the Decades: Their Impact on Quality, Equity, Access and Relevance.
- ii. Trends in Enrolment and Expenditure on Public and Private Education.
- iii. Patterns, Schemes and Programmes of Vocationalisation and Skill Development: An examination of Outcomes and Equity.
- iv. Links between Education, Skills and Employment.

Theme 4 (Special Theme): Development Experience and Challenges, and Strategies for India@75

With India entering the 75th year of its independence, this Conference will give scholars an opportunity to review the changes that have occurred, goalposts and milestones, and strategies adopted or likely to be adopted. Papers under this theme will focus on the following broad sub-themes:

- i. The economy @75 – growth, development and structural change.
- ii. Economic and Social Justice.
- iii. Long term growth and challenges in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- iv. Past and current paradigms of growth and development.

Instructions to Paper Writers:

Scholars are invited to write papers on the themes mentioned above and to submit the same to **Prof. Vinod Kumar Srivastava, General Secretary, UPUEA & Head,** Department of Economics and Rural Development, Dr. Rammanohar Lohia Avadh University, Ayodhya, **through Email: conferenceupuea@gmail.com latest by February 25, 2022.** All papers submitted in response to the preliminary Call for Papers are required to be resent to the above address in order to be considered for the Conference. Empirical and theoretical papers related to the theme of the conference as well as papers dealing with economic and policy issues are welcome. Participants are invited to submit their individual / joint papers/ research work for presentation on the main theme & sub- themes. The authors in these broader areas can also think of submitting papers on similar related topics.

The authors should adhere to the following for both abstract and the full-length paper.

Length	Abstract 250-500 words Full Paper 3000-8000 words
Margin	2.5 cm / 1 inch
Font	Times New Roman , 12 point
Pacing	1.5
Title Page	Title, Author(s), Affiliation(s), Contact Details
Key Words	4-5 words

Papers submitted should not be more than 8000 words in length and should be accompanied by a clear abstract of not more than 500 words in length. Sources should be clearly cited and papers should not be plagiarised. Plagiarised papers will attract a disqualification and will not be considered for publication in the Conference Proceedings. Papers which are considered suitable after peer review may also be published in the UPUEA Journal. *A few selected papers after peer review will be published in a book with ISBN number.*

Note: All correspondence regarding papers submission may be made only to General Secretary UPUEA at the address given below-

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