



**Giri Institute of Development Studies
Organises Seminar on 11-12 December
2026 Lucknow, INDIA**

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Seminar on

**War, Global Crisis, and India's Development Vision:
Evaluating Viksit Bharat and Viksit Uttar Pradesh**

About Seminar

The contemporary world is witnessing rapid geopolitical, economic, technological, and environmental transformations. Wars, regional conflicts, global economic instability, climate change, pandemics, cyber insecurity, food shortages, and energy crises are creating new challenges for nations across the globe, disrupting supply chains, fuelling inflation, and widening inequalities among nations and communities.

India has envisioned transforming itself into a developed nation under the mission of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 — a vision of an inclusive, self-reliant, technologically advanced, and globally influential India. Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous state, is pursuing a parallel goal of 'Viksit Uttar Pradesh' through industrial development, investment promotion, employment generation, digitalisation, and social welfare.

Building on the Lucknow Dialogue on 'Ongoing Global Crises and the Indian Economy: Risks and Policy Responses', organised by GIDS, this seminar moves from immediate risks and policy responses to a broader assessment of Viksit Bharat 2047, while examining Viksit Uttar Pradesh as a key state-level dimension of India's development journey. It brings together academicians, policymakers, researchers, development practitioners, and students to discuss the opportunities, challenges, and policy responses associated with this vision.

Objectives

1. To analyse the impact of war and global crises on India's development trajectory.
2. To examine the opportunities and challenges before Viksit Bharat and Viksit Uttar Pradesh.
3. To discuss issues related to economic security, human security, sustainable development, and governance.
4. To evaluate the role of public policy and institutions during global crises.
5. To explore strategies for resilient, inclusive, and sustainable development.
6. To encourage interdisciplinary academic dialogue and policy-oriented discussions.
7. To provide recommendations for strengthening India's developmental vision in a changing global order.

About Giri Institute of Development Studies

The Giri Institute of Development Studies (GIDS), Lucknow, is a premier national research institute dedicated to advanced, policy-oriented, multidisciplinary research on the development concerns of India and its regions. Established in 1973 on the initiative of leading social scientists and eminent public personalities, the Institute is named after the former President of India and noted labour

leader, the late Shri V.V. Giri. Professor V.B. Singh, a well-known labour economist, served as its founder-director, and in 1977 Professor T.S. Papola joined as the first full-time Director, nurturing the Institute through its formative years into a recognised centre for development studies.



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The Institute's first Board of Governors was headed by the late Shri D.P. Dhar and included distinguished figures such as Naval H. Tata, Malcolm S. Adiseshiah, Baljit Singh, and Nagendra Singh, while later chairmanships and memberships have included Shri P.N. Haksar, Professor Yashpal, Dr. Nityanand, Professor Yogendra Singh, and Professor Y.K. Alagh.

In 1977, GIDS was accorded the status of an institution of national importance in social science research, following the recommendation of a Visiting Committee of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), and was brought under ICSSR's scheme of regular financial support. Since then, the Institute has continued to receive financial support from both the ICSSR and the Government of Uttar Pradesh through its Planning Department, on a matching basis, and its research findings continue to inform policymaking in the state.

Today, GIDS conducts research studies on social and economic development, while also training scholars and officials and offering consultancy to government and public institutions on socio-economic development. In addition to its research activities, the Institute offers a PhD programme in various social science disciplines.

The major thrust areas of the studies undertaken at the Institute are:

1. Agricultural and Rural Development
2. Labour, Employment and Livelihoods
3. Population and Human Development
4. Poverty, Vulnerability and Social Security
5. Manufacturing, Rural Industries and Informal Sector
6. Urbanisation and Rural-Urban Migration
7. Marginalisation, Exclusion and Inequalities, including SCs, STs and Gender
8. Democracy, Society, Politics and Global Issues
9. Ecology, Environment and Climate Change
10. Public Policy, Institutions, and Governance
11. Evaluation of Government Schemes and Programmes
12. Public Health, Education and Social Infrastructure

Call for Papers

Original and unpublished research papers are invited from academicians, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and students on the following themes and sub-themes.

Two best paper award Rs. 20000/- each.

Themes of Seminar**1. War, Geopolitics, and Global Order**

- Emerging global power dynamics
- Russia–Ukraine conflict and global implications
- West Asian conflicts and strategic challenges
- Indo-Pacific politics and India's role
- Diplomacy, peace, and conflict resolution
- Strategic autonomy and India's foreign policy

2. Global Economic Crisis and Development

- Inflation, recession, and economic slowdown
- Global trade and supply chain disruptions
- Energy security and fuel crisis
- Food security and agricultural challenges
- Employment, migration, and labour markets
- Digital economy, AI, and technological competition

3. Viksit Bharat: Opportunities and Challenges

- Inclusive and sustainable development
- Atmanirbhar Bharat and self-reliance
- Digital India, technological transformation, and AI interface
- Infrastructure and industrial development
- Human development and social justice

- Innovation, entrepreneurship, and start-up ecosystem

4. Viksit Uttar Pradesh: Policy and Practice

- Regional development and governance
- Investment, MSMEs, and entrepreneurship
- Skill development and employability
- Urbanisation and rural transformation
- Education, healthcare, and social welfare
- Women empowerment and youth participation

5. Human Security and Marginalised Communities

- Poverty, inequality, and vulnerability
- Rights of marginalised communities
- Gender and development
- Health security and social protection
- Climate change and environmental security
- Migration, displacement, and rehabilitation

6. Public Policy, Governance, and Crisis Management

- Disaster management and resilience
- Good governance and public institutions
- Role of local governance and civil society
- International cooperation and development partnerships
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Policy innovations and future development planning

Expected Outcomes

The seminar is expected to:

- Generate meaningful academic and policy discussions on global crises and development.
- Develop interdisciplinary perspectives on Viksit Bharat and Viksit Uttar Pradesh.
- Encourage collaborative research and academic networking.
- Produce policy recommendations for governments and institutions.
- Facilitate dialogue between scholars, policymakers, and practitioners.
- Publish selected papers in an edited volume or peer-reviewed journal with ISBN/ISSN.

Participants

The seminar invites participation from:

- Academicians and faculty members
- Researchers and research scholars
- Policymakers and administrators
- Diplomats and strategic experts
- Civil society organisations and NGOs
- Development practitioners
- Students and young scholars
- Media professionals and independent researchers

Guidelines for Paper Submission

Send the Abstract/Paper to the Seminar Coordinator, at Email:

gidsconference@gmail.com

- Abstract length: 300–500 words
- Full paper length: 4000–7000 words
- Referencing style: APA 7th edition
- Co-authored papers: Allowed
- Publication: Selected papers will be published after peer review

Important Dates

- Abstract submission: 10th September 2026
- Acceptance of abstract: 15th September 2026
- Full Paper Submission: 15th October 2026
- Acceptance of Full Paper: 25th October 2026
- Registration Starts: 25th October 2026
- Registration Deadline: 15th November 2026
- Date of Seminar on **11-12 December 2026**

Travel Support and Hospitality

- Travel Support: Reimbursable for Third AC train (by shortest route) or bus fare, for outstation participants.
- Accommodation: Boarding and lodging will be provided free of cost on a shared basis at the GIDS Guest House for the duration of the event.
- Co-authors: Travel and accommodation support is limited to one presenter per accepted paper. Co-authors must arrange their own travel and stay.

Registration Details

Category	Registration Fee
Faculty / Professionals	Rs. 1000/-
Research Scholars / Students	Rs. 500/-
International Participants	USD 100/-

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/RmV3UXPj561L8Tb3A>

Mode of Payment: UPI / NEFT / RTGS / Online / Other

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