

# Two-Day National Seminar on Act Local to Go Global: A Step Towards Sustainable Future



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Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

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Follow the link to register: <https://forms.gle/JECwbW7ZtKo5tcQE9>

## REGISTRATION FEE

Professional	Rs.2000
Academics	Rs.1000
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Accompanying Person	Rs.500

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Accommodation is available in the University  
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## ABOUT THE ORGANIZER'S

### ABOUT GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY

Guru Nanak Dev University is accredited A++ by NAAC with CGPA of 3.85 out of 4, conferred with "University with Potential for Excellence" status by UGC and is ranked 44 by NIRF. It is one among the top high performing state public Universities across India as per MHRD. The Centre for Sustainable Habitat (CSH) is established under Rashtriya Uchchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) 2.0 Component 4 to propagate the agenda of sustainability in education, living and professional practice. It attempts to demonstrate coexistence of the natural and built environment that promotes a sustainable development and improves quality of life for all. The Centre has come up in line with the Sustainable Development Goals proposed by United Nations. The Guru Ramdas School of Planning (GRDSP) is a premier institute in North India working with the motto "SHAPING SPACES TO SHAPE FUTURES". The objective of the school is to impart education and training in the field of Urban, Regional, Infrastructure and Transportation Planning. Currently the school runs five programmes i.e. Master of Technology (Urban Planning), Master of Technology (Infrastructure Planning), Master of Technology (Transportation Planning), M.Tech. (FYIP) (Urban & Regional Planning) and Ph.D. in Planning.

### ABOUT KANWAR SURJIT SINGH INSTITUTE FOR SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH

The Kanwar Surjit Singh Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research, India (KSS-ISPER), headquartered at Panchkula, Haryana Haryana is a society registered under the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860, re-registered under the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Societies Act, 2012. It is also registered under the provisions of Section 12 A (a) of Income Tax Act of India and has the exemption granted by the Income Tax Department under section 80-G since March 2006. This Institute of Excellence is a non-profit making, non-political body primarily established to assist the Government in framing the policies/plans and execution and implementation of various developmental programs. KSS-ISPER as a multi-disciplinary organization is committed to promote geo-spatial technologies and its applications in various development activities of society, economy, and environment through community participation. The objective behind the formation of Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research is based on a premise that a human settlement is like any other living entity, complex in its structure and functions. Therefore, to plan and manage human settlements, a pooling of expertise and skills is required.

### ABOUT INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Chandigarh was established to promote research in social sciences. The Council has the objective to review the progress of social science research and to promote special measures for development of research in neglected or new areas; sponsor the research programmes and projects; financial support to institutions, associations, and journals engaged in social science research; technical training by organising seminars, workshops and study groups, etc

## ABOUT THE SEMINAR

As per the mandate of the United Nations, it is the responsibility of all stakeholders to tackle the global challenge of climate change by taking initiatives at the local level. 'Act Local to Go Global' is a universal theme to focus on the current issues and challenges nationally and internationally. The conference stressed that governments should speed up the efforts to combat climate change that pushes communities and ecosystems to their limits. It is essential to prioritise actions: by focusing on circular economy; aligning policies and incentives to achieve set targets; adopting best practices with the active involvement of the private sector and community; developing framework, methods and toolkits that can assist the local governments to take up action; strengthening the capacity and skills of employees, organisations, educators and youth involvement.

### SEMINAR THEMES

- Urbanisation and Sustainable Cities
- Resilience and Inclusiveness
- Urban Complexities, Housing and Poverty Alleviation issues and Reforms
- Rural Urban Linkages
- Green Transportation
- Health, Sanitation and Solid Waste Management Challenges
- Heritage Preservation and Conservation.
- Water Sensitive Planning
- Gender Sensitive Planning
- Innovative Practices.
- Partnerships and Approaches towards Sustainability
- Climate change, Environmental Challenges and Mitigation Measures
- Disaster Management and Vulnerability
- Economics Paradigm
- Governance and Public Policies
- New Urban Agenda and Future Directions

### TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The seminar is open to planners, environmentalists, academicians, practitioners, and other experts interested in urban planning, development and environmental issues. We welcome paper contributions from all interested stakeholders, and/or participation as a delegate in the seminar.

### PAPER CONTRIBUTION

*Full Papers are invited from professionals, academicians, researchers and experts on the seminar themes*

#### Submission Guidelines

Abstract: 300 words maximum, Keywords: Maximum 6 keywords, Manuscript: 2500-3000 words  
Paper format: Introduction, Review of Literature, Objectives and Methodology, Results and Discussion, Conclusion;  
Language: English, References style: APA 7th edition, Text font: New Times Roman, Document type: MS WORD  
Evaluation: The publishing process will be through review system with plagiarism upto 10 percent.  
*Selected papers will be published in form of book with ISBN number. Article Processing Fees of Rs.550/- per paper will be charged after selection of paper for publication in book.*

**Last date for submission of Abstract: 20 July 2023**

**Last date for submission of Complete Paper: 15 August 2023**

**Delegates are requested to send a Soft copy of the paper at [grd.events@gndu.ac.in](mailto:grd.events@gndu.ac.in)**