



Platinum Jubilee International Conference

Blue Economy and Sustainable Development:

Building Resilient Coastal Communities and Well-Being

Pre-Conference Workshop: 10 DEC 2026

Conference Dates: 11 - 12 DEC 2026

Venue: IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kgp

Mode: Hybrid



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Towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Blue Economy

About the Conference

The Blue Economy offers opportunities to achieve economic growth while conserving marine ecosystems and improving coastal livelihoods. However, climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and livelihood insecurity pose growing challenges to sustainable ocean-based development.

The conference aims to explore sustainable, climate-resilient and inclusive Blue Economy pathways, with a strong focus on human well-being, coastal communities, livelihoods, innovation, technology, and policy. It will bring together diverse stakeholders to discuss solutions for building healthy oceans, resilient communities, and sustainable coastal futures.

Key Dates

20 September 2026	Abstract Submission Opens
20 October 2026	Abstract Submission Deadline
30 October 2026	Acceptance Notification
01 Nov 2026 to 15 Nov 2026	Early Bird Registration
15 November 2026	Full Paper Submission Deadline
16 Nov 2026 to 30 Nov 2026	Late Registration

Publication Opportunity

*Selected papers will be considered for an Edited volume or Journal Special issue



Conference Themes and Sub-Themes

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Blue Economy, Sustainability & Human Well-being

- Blue Economy and Sustainable Development
- Ocean Sustainability and Human Well-being
- Coastal Livelihoods, Quality of Life and Happiness
- Social Equity, Inclusion and Well-being
- Sustainable Consumption and Lifestyles
- Ocean-Human-Well-being Connections

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Climate Change, Coastal Ecosystems & Resilience

- Climate Change and Ocean Health
- Coastal Vulnerability and Community Well-being
- Climate Resilience and Adaptive Capacity
- Marine Biodiversity and Ecological Well-being
- Nature-based Solutions and Human Well-being
- Climate-Risks, Mental Well-being and Community Resilience

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Fisheries, Blue Livelihoods & Coastal Communities

- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Fisher Livelihoods and Subjective Well-being
- Livelihood Diversification and Quality of Life
- Community-based Resource Management
- Gender, Equity and Social Well-being
- Blue Jobs, Decent Work and Inclusive Growth

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Blue Economy Sectors, Innovation & Technology

- Marine Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Maritime Transport and Ports
- Coastal and Marine Tourism
- Marine Biotechnology and Bioeconomy
- AI, GIS and Digital Technologies for Ocean Management
- Blue Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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Coastal Development, Communities & Social Transformation

- Coastal Urbanisation and Sustainable Development
- Coastal Communities and Social Change
- Migration, Mobility and Blue Livelihoods
- Traditional Knowledge and Community Institutions
- Coastal Poverty, Inequality and Social Justice
- Education, Skills and Capacity Building for Blue Futures

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India's Blue Economy: Policy, Practice & Future Pathways

- Blue Economy Policy and Institutional Frameworks
- Coastal Resource Governance and Management
- Marine Conservation and Biodiversity Protection
- Coastal Development, Livelihoods and Well-being
- Climate Adaptation and Resilient Coastal Communities
- Emerging Opportunities and Future Directions for India's Blue Economy



Registration Fee

Category	Early Bird (20 Sep - 15 Nov, 2026)	Late Registration (16 Nov - 30 Nov, 2026)
Scholars/Students	INR 1500	INR 2000
Faculty	INR 3000	INR 3500
Industrial Professionals	INR 5000	INR 5500
Scholars/Students (International)	USD 100	USD 150
Faculty (International)	USD 150	USD 200
Industry Professionals (International)	USD 200	USD 250

Convenor & Co-convenors

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