

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Day 0 — Sunday, 25 October 2026

12.30 – 14:00 hrs	:	Lunch and Registration <i>Venue:</i> <i>Lunch: Vishwamitralaya</i> <i>Registration: Vishwamitralaya</i>
14:00 – 16:00 hrs	:	<u>PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT</u> Symposium on Databases and Research Tools – Emerging Trends and Issues <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Saurabh Garg, IAS Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India
Panelists	:	Ravindra H. Dholakia Former Professor of Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
	:	S. Madheswaran Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore
	:	S. K. Mohanty Professor, Nalanda University, Rajgir
	:	G. C. Manna Professor, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi
	:	Udaya Shankar Mishra Professor & Head, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai
16:00 – 16:30	:	Tea <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
16:30 – 18:00	:	INAUGURAL SESSION <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Welcome and Opening Address by the Chairperson	:	Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Chairman, IASSI and Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
About IASSI	:	Professor Alok Kumar Mishra Professor, University of Hyderabad and Member Secretary, IASSI
Remarks	:	Professor Ram Singh President, 25th IASSI Annual Conference and Director, Delhi School of Economics
Address	:	Professor Dhananjay Singh Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research New Delhi
Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest	:	Professor S. Mahendra Dev Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC- PM)
Vote of Thanks	:	Dr. Kishore Dhavala Associate Professor, Nalanda University and Organising Secretary, 25 th IASSI Conference

18:05 pm – 18.50 pm	:	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Ravindra H. Dholakia Former Professor of Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
Presidential Address	:	Ram Singh President, 25th IASSI Annual Conference and Director, Delhi School of Economics
19:30 – 20:30	:	Executive Committee and General Body Meeting
20:00 hrs	:	Dinner

Day 1 — Monday, 26 October 2026

8:00 hrs	:	Breakfast and Registration <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
9.00 am – 10.30 hrs	:	PLENARY SESSION 1: Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
Chair	:	Dipak Kumar Singh, IAS Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of Bihar
Keynote Address	:	Sudipto Mundle Chairman, Centre for Development Studies Thiruvananthapuram
Panelists	:	Philippe Cadene Professor, Université Paris Cité, France
	:	Pinaki Chakraborty Visiting Distinguished Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi
	:	Seeta Prabhu Visiting Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Former Head, Human Development Resource Centre United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
10.30-11.00	:	Tea <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
11.00-12.30	:	PLENARY SESSION 2: Special Panel on Indian Methodologies for Issues Before Social Sciences
Chair	:	Sachin Chaturvedi Chairman, IASSI and Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
Panelists	:	S. Gurumurthy Chairman, Vivekananda International Foundation and Editor, Thuglak
	:	Saurabh Garg, IAS Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India
	:	Ravindra H. Dholakia Former Professor of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
12:30 – 13:30	:	Lunch <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
13:00 – 15:00	:	PLENARY SESSION 3:

		Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Deepak Mishra Distinguished Visiting Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi
Keynote Address	:	Shiv Kumar Kalyanaraman Chief Executive Officer, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India
Panelists	:	Sujit Kumar Chief Economist, National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development
	:	Ram Manohar Singh Indian Institute of Technology – Roorkee
15:05– 16.00	:	TARLOK SINGH MEMORIAL LECTURE <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Alakh N. Sharma Director, Institute for Human Development (IHD)
Lecture by	:	Saurabh Garg Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India
Topic	:	<i>Data for Development: Strengthening the Evidence Base for Viksit Bharat</i>
16:00 – 16:30	:	Tea <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
16:30 -18:30	:	Parallel Technical Sessions and Panel Discussion
	:	Technical Session 1.1: Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
	:	Technical Session 2.1: Culture and Development
	:	Technical Session 3.1: Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	:	Technical Session 4.1: Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
	:	Technical Session 5.1: Education and Knowledge Systems
	:	Technical Session 6.1: Global Goals Beyond 2030
	:	Thematic Panel 1: From Menarche to Motherhood: Reimagining Women's Health, Well-being, and Economic Trajectories <i>Organised by: Flame University & Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune</i> <i>Venue: Roundtable Conference Hall</i>
	:	Thematic Panel 2: Using Behavioral Science for Better Nutrition <i>Organised by: UNICEF and Institute for Human Development</i> <i>Venue: International Guesthouse Conference Hall</i>
18:30 – 18:50	:	Tea

		<i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
18:50 – 20:15	:	PLENARY SESSION 4: Global Goals Beyond 2030 <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Sachin Chaturvedi Chairman, IASSI and Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
Keynote Address	:	Mikiko Tanaka Director and Head, United Nations ESCAP Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia, New Delhi
Panelists	:	Pami Dua Senior Professor and Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
	:	Arjan De Haan Senior Program Specialist, Climate Adaptation and Resilience, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada
	:	Jyoti Chandiramani Director, Symbiosis School of Economics and Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
	:	P. K. Anand, IAS Retd. Centre for Studies in Development and Sustainability (CSDS), Nalanda University and Former Senior Advisor, NITI Aayog, Government of India
20.15 hrs Dinner Talk	:	Mr. Stephan Priesner (TBC) Resident Coordinator, United Nations, India

Day 2 — Tuesday, 27 October 2026

8:00 hrs	:	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 hrs	:	PLENARY SESSION 5: Health and Nutrition in India's Development <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Archana Vyas (TBC) India Country Director, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Keynote Address	:	Sanjay Zodpey President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and Pro-Chancellor, PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences, Delhi
Panelists	:	Ashish Pandey Professor, Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
	:	Simantini Mukhopadhyay Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Politics Visva Bharti, Shanti Niketan, West Bengal
	:	Swati Dutta Senior Fellow, IHD
	:	Arijita Dutta Professor in Economics, University of Calcutta

10:35 – 12:00	:	PLENARY SESSION 6: Culture and Development <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>
Chair	:	Asanga Tilakaratne Professor, University of Colombo
Keynote Address	:	Badri Narayan Tiwari Vice-Chancellor of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
Panelists	:	P. Kanagasabapathi Secretary & Trustee of the Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, New Delhi
	:	Jyoti Verma Former Professor of Psychology, Patna University
	:	Dipankar Sengupta Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu
	:	David Akombo Professor of Music Education and Interdisciplinary Musicology and Dean, Faculty of Culture, Creative and Performing Arts, The University of the West Indies
12:00 – 12:30 pm	:	Tea <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
12:30 – 14:00	:	Parallel Technical Sessions and Panel Discussion <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
	:	Technical Session 1.2: Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
	:	Technical Session 2.2: Culture and Development
	:	Technical Session 4.2: Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
	:	Technical Session 5.2: Education and Knowledge Systems
	:	Thematic Panel 3: Culture in Practice: Designing Development for India's Diversity <i>Organised by: UNESCO</i> <i>Venue: Roundtable Conference Hall</i>
14:00 – 15:00	:	Lunch <i>Venue: Vishwamitralaya</i>

15:00 – 16:30	:	PLENARY SESSION 7: Education and Knowledge Systems
Chair	:	S. R. Hashim Former Member Secretary, erstwhile Planning Commission and Former Chairman, Union Public Service Commission
Keynote Address		Rukmini Banerjee Senior Advisor, Pratham Education Foundation
Panelists	:	D. Venkat Rao Professor and Dean, Nalanda University, Rajgir
	:	R. Clive Landis Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor of Cardiovascular Research, The University of the West Indies
	:	Balaji Parthasarathy Professor, International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore
	:	Ganti S. Murthy Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Indore
Special Remarks		Brigadier Sushil Bhasin, Military-Inspired Leadership Coach
16:35 – 18:00	:	Parallel Technical Sessions and Panel Discussion <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
	:	Technical Session 3.2: Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	:	Technical Session 6.2: Global Goals Beyond 2030
	:	Technical Session 1.3: Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
	:	Technical Session 2.3: Culture and Development
	:	Thematic Panel 4: Measuring Development Where People Live: Localization of Sustainable Development Goals <i>Organised by: Symbioses School of Economics</i> <i>Venue: Roundtable Conference Hall</i>
18:00 – 18:30	:	Tea <i>Venue Academic Spine</i>
18:30 – 20:00	:	Parallel Technical Sessions and Panel Discussion
	:	Technical Session 3.3: Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	:	Technical Session 4.3: Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
	:	Technical Session 5.3: Education and Knowledge Systems
	:	Technical Session 1.4: Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
	:	Technical Session 5.4: Education and Knowledge Systems
20:00 hrs	:	Dinner

8:00 hrs	:	Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 hrs	:	Parallel Technical Sessions and Panel Discussion <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
	:	Technical Session 2.4: Culture and Development
	:	Technical Session 3.4: Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	:	Technical Session 4.4: Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
	:	Technical Session 5.5: Education and Knowledge Systems
	:	Technical Session 1.5: Digital Futures: Technology, Society and Well-Being in a Changing World
11:00 – 11:30	:	Tea <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
	:	Technical Session 2.5: Culture and Development
	:	Technical Session 2.6: Culture and Development
	:	Technical Session 3.5: Health and Nutrition in India's Development
	:	Technical Session 4.5: Regions, Resources and Development: Comparative Perspectives from Indian States
	:	Technical Session 5.6: Education and Knowledge Systems
	:	Technical Session 6.3: Global Goals Beyond 2030
	:	Thematic Panel 5: Technology, Health and Inclusive Development: From Innovation to Impact <i>Organised by: Asian Development Research Institute, Patna</i> <i>Venue: Roundtable Conference Hall</i>
12:45 – 13:45	:	VALEDICTORY SESSION <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
Highlights of the Conference Deliberations	:	Professor Ram Singh President, 25th IASSI Annual Conference and Director, Delhi School of Economics
Remarks	:	Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Chairman, IASSI and Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
Address	:	Ms. Cynthia McCaffrey (TBC) UNICEF Representative to India
Valedictory Address by the Chief Guest	:	Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) Hon'ble Governor of Bihar
Vote of Thanks	:	Ms. Priyanka Tyagi Chief Executive Officer, IHD and Communication Director, IASSI
13.45 – 14.45	:	Lunch <i>Venue: Academic Spine</i>
14:45 hrs	:	Departure of Delegates/Excursion