



International Conference

on

'Environment & Inclusive Development: Spatial Dimensions'

EID SD 2026 57th International Conference of the Regional Science Association

26 & 27 February, 2026
(Thursday & Friday)

Organized by the
Departments of Economics
&
Statistics
Maulana Azad College
in collaboration with the
Regional Science Association

Venue

Maulana Azad College
8, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road, Taltala
Kolkata, West Bengal, India 700013

Concept Note:

Balancing economic growth, human development, and environmental sustainability has emerged as one of the most urgent concerns of our time. Yet, the way these challenges unfold varies widely across regions, shaped by differences in natural resources, their utilisation, and local socio-economic contexts. Policymakers often grapple with administrative and political pressures, while researchers and academicians tend to adopt broader, long-term analytical views. These differing approaches make it essential to create platforms where diverse perspectives can meet, engage, and evolve into workable solutions.

As part of the Centenary Celebrations of Maulana Azad College, Kolkata, the Departments of Economics and Statistics, in collaboration with the Regional Science Association, is hosting the 57th Conference of the Association on campus. The chosen theme highlights the pressing contemporary issues at the intersection of environment and development, aiming to foster sustained dialogue and collaboration among policymakers, researchers, academicians, and practitioners. Through this conference, the organizers envision a shared space for collective thinking, fresh insights, and informed strategies to address the complexities of sustainable development across regions.

Theme: 'Environment & Inclusive Development: Spatial Dimensions'

Tracks:

I. Environmental Issues and Adaptation

- Climate change & environmental pollution: adaptation & mitigation in South Asia
- Biodiversity conservation & ecosystem management
- Renewable energy transition & regional equity

II. Urban, Rural & Regional Sustainability

- Urban planning and Inclusive Development
- Rural planning and Inclusive Development
- Regional planning and Inclusive Development
- Waste management & circular economy
- Role of indigenous knowledge in Inclusive Development

III. Governance, Law & Policy

- Legal issues & policy framework for environmental governance
- Institutional approaches to environmental management

IV. Socio-Cultural & Spatial Perspectives

- Role of culture & society in environmental sustainability & regional development
- Sociological perspectives on environmental adaptation
- Spatial techniques: recent advancements and the role of Artificial Intelligence

V. Spatial Statistics

- Spatial techniques: its recent advancement & AI

VI. Gender Issues in Environment

VII. Opportunities & Threats:

Application of Technological Advancements

- Special Reference to AI in Mitigating Environmental Plunders

Important Timelines

Event	Date
Call for Papers	December 15, 2025
Abstract Submission Deadline	February 7, 2026
Notification of Acceptance	February 14, 2026
Full Paper Submission	February 20, 2026
Conference Dates	February 26–27, 2026
Last Date for Registration	February 25, 2026

Call for Papers

- Abstracts with proper referencing (maximum 300 words excluding the references) are invited on the above tracks. Please refer to the guidelines at the end of the circular.
- Selected papers, after peer review process, will be considered for publication in an edited volume/special issue of the *Indian Journal of Regional Science* with ISBN/ISSN.
- There will be Best Young Regional Scientist Award

The eligibility norms for the award are:

1. Paper must be single authored
2. Full paper must be submitted by February 20, 2026
3. The age limit is 35 years (with age proof)

Abstract and/or paper submission link:

<https://forms.gle/Nn7Z1K1v4pD1ph2i7>

Registration fees:

- **Students:** Rs. 200/-
- **For in-house teachers, RSA members & Research Scholars:** Rs. 1500/-
- **Other participants:** Rs. 2000/-
- **Professional Organizations /NGOs –** Rs. 4000/-
- **Registration includes conference kit, refreshments, lunch and participation certificate.**

Please scan the QR code to pay the registration fee:



Bank Account Details:

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NOTE:

Please submit the screenshot of the payment made at the appropriate box given in the paper submission link.

Poster Competition

Modalities:

- Posters may be submitted on any one of the prescribed tracks.
- Poster presentations may be either individual (solo) or joint (co-authored).
- The last date for submission of posters is February 20, 2026.
- The complete poster must be submitted in both JPEG and PDF formats.
- Printing and display of the posters shall be arranged by the participants themselves.
- Please refer to the poster preparation guideline given in the submission link below & also at the end of this circular.
- The poster participants must also register.

Poster submission link:

<https://forms.gle/s69ovE2ebDpZos7W7>

Special Arrangement: A study tour and field visit to the Sundarbans will be organized, subject to applicable additional charges.

During : 28 February - 2 March, 2026

Notable Resource Persons:



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Dr. Joya Mitra

Environmentalist



A Special Plenary Session

Recurrent Natural Disasters in India: Anatomy & Its Mitigation

About the Maulana Azad College, Kolkata

[\(https://maulanaazadcollegekolkata.ac.in/\)](https://maulanaazadcollegekolkata.ac.in/)



Maulana Azad College, Kolkata, established in 1924 and affiliated to the University of Calcutta, is a premier institution of higher education with a rich legacy of academic excellence and social commitment. Marking its centenary in 2025, the college stands accredited with an 'A+' Grade by NAAC, recognized as a DBT Star College, and ISO certified. Declared a heritage building, the campus promotes sustainability through solar energy, rainwater harvesting, and green initiatives. With a strong alumni base of nationally and internationally distinguished personalities, the college continues to foster inclusive education, intellectual growth, and social responsibility at the heart of Kolkata.

About the Regional Science Association (RSA)

[\(https://www.rsai.org.in/\)](https://www.rsai.org.in/)



REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, INDIA

The Indian Chapter of the Regional Science Association was established in September 1967 by Professor Chittaranjan Pathak at the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal, under the leadership of Professor Walter Isard, the father of Regional Science. Initially constituted as a section of the Regional Science Association (International), headquartered at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, USA, the Association has since played a significant role in promoting regional science research and discourse in India.

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The Indian Journal of Regional Science (IJRS)

IJRS is published by the RSAi and publishes original, peer-reviewed research on regional planning and development. Issued biannually in June and December, the journal accepts only unpublished work and prohibits reproduction without prior permission. IJRS is available in both print and online formats; members receive the journal free of cost, while institutions and distributors may purchase it at concessional rates.

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Abstract/Paper Submission Link

<https://forms.gle/Nn7Z1K1v4pD1ph2i7>

Poster Submission Link

<https://forms.gle/s69ovE2ebDpZos7W7>

Poster Submission Guideline

Poster Size and Orientation

- **Dimensions:** A0 size – 841 mm × 1189 mm (33.1 in × 46.8 in)
- **Orientation:** Portrait (preferred)

Poster Content Structure

- **Title:** Clear, concise, and bold
- **Author(s) and Affiliation(s):** Full names, institutional affiliations, and email of the presenting author
- **Abstract:** As submitted for the conference
- **Introduction:** Brief background and objective of the study
- **Methodology:** Summary of methods used
- **Results:** Key findings using graphs, tables, and images where appropriate
- **Discussion:** Highlighting main findings, significance, and implications
- **References:** Only minimal and essential citations
- **Acknowledgements (optional):** Recognize funding sources, contributors, or collaborators

Design and Formatting Guidelines

Font Sizes:

1. **Title:** 70–100 pt
2. **Section Headings:** 36–40 pt
3. **Body Text:** 24–30 pt

- **Font Options:** Arial, Bookman Old Style or Times New Roman
- **Colors:** High-contrast combinations for better readability
- **Visuals:** High-resolution images (300 dpi); include white space to avoid clutter and enhance clarity

Abstract and/or Paper Submission Guideline

- The Title needs to be brief, interesting and comprehensible.
- The abstract should include a background to the work, the rational, results and conclusion.
- Abstract should not include citations.
- Use A4 paper size with 1-inch margins on all sides.
- The document should be formatted using Times New Roman font with the following sizes:
 1. **Title:** 14 pt
 2. **Full names and affiliations of all authors with complete postal and email addresses are required:** 10 pt
 3. **Main text:** 12 pt
 4. **Keywords (maximum of 5):** 12 pt

- Use 1.5 line spacing throughout the manuscript, and ensure that all text is justified.
- Footnotes are not permitted.
- All measurements must be expressed in metric units only.
- Do not underline any portion of the text.
- Latin names of genera and species must be italicized.
- The entire abstract should not exceed 300 words
- One person can submit one Abstract only.

