MES Garware College of Commerce (Autonomous), Pune
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## 4th International Conference on

**"Developing Skill Ecosystems for a Sustainable Future through Partnerships with CSR and NGOs"**
**on 15th and 16th January 2027**

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## Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee Year of GCC



Dear Esteemed Industry Leaders and Distinguished Academicians,

Greetings from MES Garware College of Commerce (Autonomous), Pune

We are pleased to inform you that this is our Diamond Jubilee year of Academic legacy.

We are delighted to announce the 4th International Conference, jointly organised by MES Garware College of Commerce (Autonomous), Pune, Universal AI University (UAI), and FUEL University, on the theme "**Developing Skill Ecosystems for a Sustainable Future through Partnerships with CSR and NGOs.**"

The conference brings together academicians, researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, development professionals, NGOs, CSR practitioners, entrepreneurs, and students to deliberate on innovative practices, research findings, policy frameworks, and collaborative models for sustainable and inclusive development. It aims to explores how academia, CSR, and NGOs together can build skill ecosystems that stay responsive to industry demand, promote social inclusion, and remain anchored in long-term impact.

The conference is in alignment with India's SDG commitments, NEP 2020, Skill India Mission, Digital India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, and Green Growth initiatives.

We invite original, unpublished research papers, case studies, best practices, and implementation strategies on the conference theme and the sub-themes listed below.

## Broad Thematic Areas

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| Sustainable Development Goals & Public Policy | Skill Ecosystems & Future Workforce Development | Higher Education, Employability & Competency-Based Learning |
| Industry-Academia Collaboration & Innovation | Corporate Social Responsibility & Social Impact | NGOs, Community Engagement & Inclusive Development |
| Digital Transformation, AI & Emerging Skills | Green Skills, Climate Action & Circular Economy | Entrepreneurship, Startups & Innovation Ecosystems |

The sub-themes listed below are indicative and not exhaustive. Authors are also encouraged to submit original research papers on other relevant and contemporary topics that align with the overarching theme of the conference.

## Subtheme 1: Sustainable Development Goals: Challenges and Opportunities

- SDG localisation and implementation at institutional and community level
- Measuring progress on SDGs through skill-linked indicators
- Public-private-people partnerships for SDG achievement
- Role of higher education institutions in SDG advocacy

## Subtheme 2: Skill Ecosystems for Future Workforce Development.

- Emerging models of vocational and lifelong learning
- National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) and industry alignment
- Apprenticeship and structured skilling pathways
- Bridging the skills gap through multi-stakeholder ecosystems

## Subtheme 3: Higher Education, Employability, and Competency-Based Learning

- NEP 2020 and competency-based curriculum design
- Industry-integrated academic programmes
- Employability assessment and career readiness frameworks
- National Credit frameworks (NCrF) and flexible learning pathways

## Subtheme 4: Industry-Academia Collaboration for Innovation

- Joint research and applied innovation projects
- Incubation, mentoring, and technology transfer models
- Curriculum co-design with industry partners
- Internship and experiential learning frameworks

## Subtheme 5: Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Impact

- CSR-funded skilling and livelihood programmes
- Measuring social return on CSR investment
- Corporate-community partnership models
- CSR in education, health, and environment

## Subtheme 6: NGOs, Community Engagement, and Inclusive Development

- Grassroots mobilisation and last-mile implementation
- NGO-academia partnerships for community skilling
- Building community trust and long-term engagement
- Inclusive development among underserved populations

## Subtheme 7: Digital Transformation, Artificial Intelligence, and Emerging Skills

- AI, data science, and automation in workforce readiness
- Digital literacy and inclusion initiatives
- Ethical and responsible use of AI in skilling
- EdTech platforms for scalable skill delivery

## Subtheme 8: Green Skills, Climate Action, and Circular Economy

- Green jobs and renewable-energy workforce needs
- Circular economy practices and green entrepreneurship
- Climate-resilient livelihoods and skilling
- Environmental sustainability in business practice

## Subtheme 9: Entrepreneurship, Startups, and Innovation Ecosystems

- Startup ecosystem support and incubation models
- Social entrepreneurship for community impact
- Financing and policy support for early-stage ventures
- Innovation hubs linking academia and industry

## Subtheme 10: Women Empowerment, Youth Development, and Social Inclusion

- Women's skilling and workforce participation
- Youth-focused entrepreneurship and employability programmes
- Gender-responsive policy and practice in skilling
- Inclusion of marginalised groups in skill ecosystems

## Subtheme 11: Public Policy, Governance, and Sustainable Institutions

- Policy frameworks for skill development and employment
- Collaborative governance among government, industry, and civil society
- Institutional capacity building for sustainable outcomes
- Regulatory and enabling environments for CSR-NGO partnerships

## Subtheme 12: Impact Assessment and Social Innovation

- Frameworks for measuring social and skilling impact
- Data-driven monitoring and evaluation of development programmes
- Scaling social innovation for sustainable outcomes
- Case studies in impact measurement and reporting

Authors may also submit papers on other relevant and contemporary topics aligned with the conference theme.

## Publication

All accepted papers will be published in a peer-reviewed journal.

- **Registration Charges**

For Industry experts, PhD scholars, and faculty members ₹ 1500 includes conference material & certificate.

## Guidelines for Authors.

- Manuscripts should be in Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5-line spacing, with 1-inch margins on all sides.
- The first page must carry the title of the paper, author name(s), affiliation, address, contact details, and email address.
- The manuscript title should be in 16-point Times New Roman, bold, centred, and fully capitalised.
- The title page should be followed by an abstract (not more than 150 words) and 6–7 keywords in alphabetical order.
- All figures, tables, and exhibits should be numbered separately with references cited in APA format.
- The editorial board will communicate acceptance or rejection of the manuscript. Authors are expected to incorporate reviewer-suggested modifications.
- Word limit for empirical/conceptual papers: 3,500 words

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- Last date for submission & Author Registration :- **28th December 2026**
- Review Report Intimation:- **02th January 2027**
- Notification regarding Publication :- **08th January 2027**
- Intimation for Paper Presentation :- **11th January 2027**
- Dates of Conference :- **15th and 16th January 2027**

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## Developing Skill Ecosystems for a Sustainable Future through Partnerships with CSR and NGOs”

**15th and 16th January 2027**

- **Venue:** MES Auditorium, IMCC Campus, Mayur Colony, Pune, Maharashtra.
- **Mode**: Hybrid (In-Person & Online)

Join us in developing Skill Ecosystems for a Sustainable Future through Partnerships with CSR and NGOs”

**We look forward to your inspiring presence and contributions.!**

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