



**NIRMALA NIKETAN INSTITUTE'S
COLLEGE OF HOME SCIENCE
NIRMALA NIKETAN (AUTONOMOUS)**

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in collaboration with

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK NIRMALA NIKETAN
(EMPOWERED AUTONOMOUS)**

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FOR AN INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**



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College of Home Science Nirmala Niketan

The College of Home Science Nirmala Niketan was founded in the year 1955. The institution is committed to empowering individuals through interdisciplinary education, research, and community engagement. Established with a vision to promote the holistic development of individuals, families, and communities, the College integrates scientific knowledge with cultural sensitivity and social responsibility. Affiliated to the University of Mumbai and granted Autonomous Status in 2024 in recognition of its academic excellence, the College has evolved into a hub for innovative learning and socially relevant research. Its diverse academic programs span key areas such as Foods and Nutrition, Human Development, Textiles and Fashion, Hospitality Management, Interior Design, Social Work, and Women's Education — all grounded in the broader field of Home Science. The institution is deeply rooted in values of Social Justice, Inclusivity, and Sustainability. It provides students with opportunities to engage in real-world challenges through outreach, policy advocacy, and interdisciplinary collaboration. The College's commitment to blending traditional wisdom with contemporary innovations resonates with its ongoing efforts for sustainable inclusive futures. As a forward-looking academic community, the College of Home Science Nirmala Niketan plays a pivotal role in shaping thought leadership and providing practical solutions that address the complex, interconnected challenges of our times.

College of Social Work Nirmala Niketan

The College of Social Work (Autonomous), Nirmala Niketan was founded in the year 1955. It was conferred Autonomous Status by UGC and Empowered Autonomous Status by the University of Mumbai from 2019 for a period of ten years. Over the years, the College has been evolving its specific commitments, which relate to all aspects of its functions namely; teaching, field instruction, research, administration, and field action projects. It encourages its teaching and non-teaching staff to get involved and contribute to the community through these services. The primary emphasis of the curricular and co-curricular programmes is on the most disadvantaged urban and rural population. The focus of the programmes provides a structural perspective of issues affecting the slum, rural and tribal communities and also searches for various approaches of problem solving processes.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Samruddhi 2026

"Empowering Nations through Innovation
for an Inclusive Sustainable Future"

This Conference is envisioned as a confluence of interdisciplinary research, innovation and collaborative action, bringing together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, industry leaders and change-makers to collectively shape a more sustainable, equitable and enriching future.

At its core, the Conference seeks to explore how innovation, emerging technologies and evidence-based, value-driven practices can enhance the human experience while fostering environmental stewardship, inclusive development and responsible progress. It aims to create a platform where diverse disciplines converge to develop solutions that advance both humanity and the planet, blending technological advancement with social responsibility, ethical leadership and ecological harmony.

CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTATION

Abstract submission:

14th October – 31st October 2026

Acceptance:

20th October to 10th November 2026

Registration/Fee payment:

21st October to 20th November 2026

CALL FOR FULL PAPER FOR BOOK PUBLICATION

Full paper (recommended):

10th November to 30th November 2026



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CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

- **Sustainable Development, Environmental Conservation, Climate Action & Green Technologies:** Exploring innovative solutions for ecological sustainability, resource conservation, circular economies and climate resilience.
- **Holistic Health & Community Wellbeing:** Promoting integrated approaches to physical, mental, emotional, social and community health for improved quality of life.
- **Design Thinking, Innovation, Entrepreneurship & the Start-up Ecosystem:** Fostering creative problem-solving, entrepreneurial leadership and innovation-driven ecosystems for sustainable development.
- **Harnessing Traditional & Indigenous Knowledge Systems:** Revisiting traditional wisdom, indigenous practices and culturally rooted knowledge to address contemporary global challenges.
- **Gender Equality, Women-led Development & Inclusive Communities:** Advancing equity, leadership, participation and inclusive development across diverse communities.
- **Artificial Intelligence, Digital Innovation & Emerging Technologies:** Examining the transformative role of AI, digital technologies and next-generation innovations in creating sustainable and human-centric solutions.

Advisory Committee

- Dr. Vishwanath Patil - Director, Innovation Incubation and Linkages, University of Mumbai.
- Dr. George Abraham - Vice Principal- Science (Retired), SIES College Mumbai.
- Dr. Siju Varghese - Director, Xavier's Institute of Natural Resource Management, Mumbai.
- Dr. Bobby Mathew - Vice Principal and Head of Geology, St Xavier's College, Mumbai.
- Mr. Cletus Zuzarte - Former Director and Professor of Practice, College of Social Work Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai.
- Ms. Toral Sanghavi - Senior Vice President of Programs, The Village for Families and Children, Connecticut.
- Dr. Niyati Parekh - Associate Vice Provost of Faculty Initiatives and Global Engagement, School of Global Public Health, New York University
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- Ms. Monika Choudhary - WRO Zonal Coordinator; Institution's Innovation Council Implementation Team, AICTE.
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Organizing Team

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	Participant	INR 413.00		
	Publishing *	INR 2360.00		
International	Presenter	USD 20.00	USD 30.00	USD 50.00
	Participant	USD 10.00		
	Publishing *	USD 50.00		
Academic partners (minimum 20 registrations)	Student/ Academia			
	Presenter	INR 413.00		
	Participant	INR 354.00		
	Publishing *	INR 2360.00		

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