



**HEMCHAND YADAV
VISHWAVIDYALAYA, DURG**

(A State Vishwavidyalaya of Chhattisgarh)

TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

**"Women's Economic
Empowerment
Challenges & Opportunities"**

Jointly organised by

Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, Chhattisgarh.

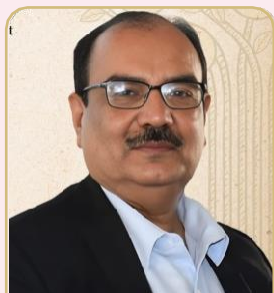
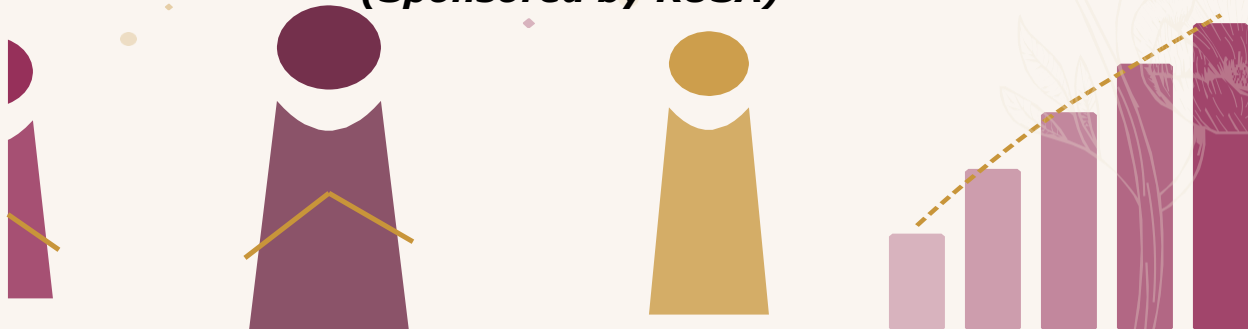
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Asha Paras for Peace and Harmony Foundation, Bharat.

On 11–12 March 2026 in Hybrid Mode

Venue: Shri. Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya, Junwani, Bhilai

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About the Conference

Women's Economic Empowerment is central to Inclusive Growth, Gender Justice, and Sustainable Development. Despite progress, the structural barriers, such as; Wage Disparities, Financial Exclusion, Unpaid Care Burdens, and Limited Entrepreneurial Access continue to constrain women's economic participation.

This Two-Day National Conference provides an interdisciplinary platform for Academicians, Policymakers, Researchers, Development Practitioners, Entrepreneurs, and students to deliberate on innovative pathways to promote Women's Financial Independence and Inclusion. The Conference aligns with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5: Gender Equality, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, and the Vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The Conference will culminate in the adoption of the **Durg Declaration 2026**, outlining comprehensive policy recommendations and actionable strategies to advance Women's Economic Empowerment and Inclusive Development.

Objectives of the Conference:

- Examine structural challenges in Women's Economic Empowerment.
- Explore Innovative Entrepreneurship and Financial Inclusion Models.
- Foster dialogue among Policymakers, Academicians, and Practitioners.
- Strengthen Women's Economic Agency within the framework of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Develop policy recommendations through the Durg Declaration.

Organising Institutions:

Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, is a premier State Vishwavidyalaya committed to academic excellence, research innovation, and community engagement. With a growing network of affiliated Colleges and multiple MoUs with reputed Institutions, the Vishwavidyalaya is steadily advancing toward its new state-of-the-art campus. The Vishwavidyalaya fosters interdisciplinary research aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Asha Paras for Peace and Harmony Foundation, Bharat, is a nationally recognized organization dedicated to Social Development, Gender Equity, and Inclusive Growth. The Foundation actively works toward Capacity-Building Initiatives, Policy Advocacy, and Empowerment Programmes across Bharat.

Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya Junwani, Bhilai is reputed Higher Education Institution located At Junwani, Bhilai Chhattisgarh. Established in 1997, the college is affiliated with Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalay, Durg and is accredited by NAAC, reflecting its commitment to quality education and academic excellence.

FOUR CORE PILLARS



Enterprise & Entrepreneurship

Women-led MSMEs, start-ups, and self-help group enterprises



Financial Inclusion

Banking access, credit, microfinance, and digital payments



Education & Skill Development

Vocational training, STEM education, and lifelong learning



Policy & Governance

Legal frameworks, labour rights, and gender-responsive budgeting

Sub-Themes

- Women Entrepreneurship & Startup Ecosystems
- Self-Help Groups and Rural Economy
- Digital Financial Literacy
- Gender Pay Gap & Workplace Inclusion
- Women in Agriculture & Forest Economy
- SC/ST/OBC Women & Intersectional Challenges
- Unpaid Care Work and Hidden Economic Contribution
- Post-COVID Economic Recovery & Women
- Legal Rights & Economic Security

Conference Programme (At a Glance)

Day 1 – 11 March 2026

- Registration & Welcome Tea
- Inaugural Ceremony
(Lamp Lighting & VC Address)
- Release of Conference Volume
- Keynote Addresses
- Panel Discussion: Breaking Barriers
- Parallel Technical Sessions (I–III)
- Cultural Programme

Day 2 – 12 March 2026

- Parallel Technical Sessions (IV–VI)
- Adoption of Durg Declaration
- Valedictory Ceremony & Best Paper Award

Call for Papers

Original and unpublished research papers are invited.

Last Date for Submission: 5 March 2026

The Shortlisted Papers will be formally presented during the National Conference.

Submission Email: conference26durguni@gmail.com

Registration Fee:

Faculty - ₹ 500/- **Research Scholars** – ₹ 300/- **PG Students** – ₹ 200/-

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/myZbDjgxyamraGuv7>

WhatsApp Group Link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/HgavhbIVrMD4adVuKWUHpv?mode=qi_t

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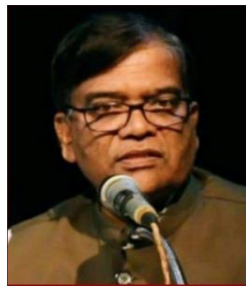
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