



**CDE-IEDS International Conference on
“Economic Development, Demographic Transition, and Environmental Sustainability”**

3–5 June 2026

Delhi School of Economics (DSE), New Delhi

In collaboration with

Institute for Educational and Developmental Studies, Noida

Venue: Swami Vivekananda Hall, DSE

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2026

REGISTRATION & WELCOMING THE DELEGATES	
Time	Programme / Activity
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Registration, Delegate Welcome & Conference Kit Distribution
WELCOME TEA 09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	
INAUGURAL SESSION (10:00 AM – 11:45 AM)	
Duration	Programme / Activity
	Lamp Lighting Ceremony
	National Song – Vande Mataram
	Welcome Address by Prof. Surender Kumar, Officiating Director, Delhi School of Economics
	Address by Prof. Pradeep K. Joshi, Chairperson, IEDS and National Testing Agency (NTA)
	Address by Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi
	Inaugural Address by Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Honourable Lt. Governor, Delhi
	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Prarthna Agarwal, Delhi School of Economics
	National Anthem
PLENARY SESSION I Environmental Sustainability: Global Perspectives and Policy Choices (11:45 AM – 12:45 PM)	
	Programme / Activity
	Prof. Madhu Khanna, UIUC, USA
	Prof. Shunsuke Managi, Kyushu University, Japan
	Dr. Prarthna Agarwal, Delhi School of Economics

**PLENARY SESSION II | Demography, Identity, Cross-Border Migration & National Security
(12:45 PM – 2:00 PM)**

Programme / Activity	
	Dr. Steven A. Camarota, Center for Immigration Studies, USA
	Prof. Nandita Saikia, Professor, IIPS Mumbai
	Prof. Pardeep S. Chauhan, JNU

LUNCH BREAK | 2 :00 PM – 2:40 PM

**PLENARY SESSION III | Education, Society, and Pathways to Inclusive Development
(2:40 PM – 3:30 PM)**

Programme / Activity	
	Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari, Vice Chancellor, TISS, Mumbai
	Shri Rishikesh B S, Registrar, Azim Premji University
	Prof. Pami Dua, Delhi School of Economics

**PLENARY SESSION IV: Rural Credit and Sustainable Development
(3:30 PM – 04:00PM)**

Programme / Activity	
	Deputy Managing Director, NABARD
	Dr. Devesh Birwal, Delhi School of Economics

TEA BREAK | 4 :10 PM – 4:20 PM

**PLENARY SESSION V: Energy Markets, Corporate Sustainability, and the Green Transition
(4:10 PM – 5:10 PM)**

Programme / Activity	
	Dr. Puneet Chitkara, IEX
	Dr. Shivananda Shetty, KPMG
	Dr. Vaniki Joshi Lohani, JNU

TEA BREAK | 5 :10 PM – 5:20 PM

PLENARY SESSION VI Dialogue with International Speakers: Environment, Migration, and the Future of Development

| Student-speakers dialogue |

(5:20 PM – 6:50 PM)

Speakers

	Prof. Madhu Khanna, UIUC, USA
	Prof. Richard Tol, Sussex University
	Prof. Shunsuke Managi, Kyushu University, Japan
	Dr. Steven A. Camarota, Center for Immigration Studies, USA
	Prof. Igor Makarov, HSE University, Russia
	Prof. Surender Kumar, Delhi School of Economics

PARALLEL SESSIONS I | Paper Presentations by Selected Scholars (5:20 PM – 6:50 PM)

Duration	Programme/Activity
90 minutes	Concurrent paper presentation sessions across multiple tracks (Room-wise allocations to be circulated separately)

NETWORKING RECEPTION AND HIGH TEA | 06:50 PM – 7:30 PM

Dinner | 7:30 PM onwards

DAY 2 | THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2026

PARALLEL SESSIONS II | Paper Presentations by Selected Scholars (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)

Duration	Programme / Activity
90 minutes	Concurrent paper presentation sessions across multiple tracks (Room-wise allocations to be circulated separately)

PLENARY SESSION VII | Beyond the Narrative: Data, Evidence and Inclusive Development (10:00 AM – 11:20 AM)

Programme/Activity
Dr. Shamika Ravi, Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
Shri Rajshekhar Joshi, Former, Vice Chairman, SETU Aayog, Government of Uttarakhand
Dr. Anish Gupta, Delhi School of Economics

TEA BREAK | 11:20 AM – 11:40 AM

PLENARY SESSION VIII | Governance, Institutional Reform & India's Development Trajectory (11:40 AM – 1:00 PM)

Programme/Activity
Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog
Prof. Sachchida Nand Tripathi, IIT Kanpur
Dr. Charan Singh, CEO, EGROW Foundation
Prof. V.K. Malhotra, Chairperson, Madhya Pradesh Food Commission

LUNCH BREAK | 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

PLENARY SESSION IX | Environmental Sustainability and the Future of Economic Development (1:50 PM – 3:00 PM)

Programme/Activity
Prof. Richard S.J. Tol, University of Sussex, UK
Prof. Igor A. Makarov, HSE University, Russia
Prof. Shireesh B. Kedare, Director, IIT Bombay

PLENARY SESSION X | Census, Migration, National Security and Technology

(3:00 PM – 4:10 PM)

Dr. Saumya Awasthi, Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

Ms. Sheetal Verma, IAS, Director, Census Operations and Citizen Registration

Dr. Dharmveer, Delhi School of Economics

TEA BREAK | 4 :10 PM – 4:30 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS III | Paper Presentations by Selected Scholars (4:30 PM – 6:00 PM)

Duration

Programme / Activity

90 minutes

Concurrent paper presentation sessions across multiple tracks (Room-wise allocations to be circulated separately)

CULTURAL EVENING

BIHU DANCE | BHARATNATYAM | KATHAK | RAJASTHANI FOLK PERFORMANCE | JHIJHIYA FOLK DANCE | 6 :00 PM – 7:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM Onwards

DAY 3 | FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2026

PARALLEL SESSIONS IV | Paper Presentations by Selected Scholars (8:00 AM – 9:30 AM)

Duration	Programme/Activity
90 minutes	Concurrent paper presentation sessions across multiple tracks (Room-wise allocations to be circulated separately)

PARALLEL SESSIONS V | Paper Presentations by Selected Scholars (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

Duration	Programme/Activity
90 minutes	Concurrent paper presentation sessions across multiple tracks (Room-wise allocations to be circulated separately)

TEA BREAK | 11:00 AM – 11:10 AM

PLENARY SESSION XI | Indigenous Knowledge, Innovation, and Sustainable Practice (11:10 AM – 12:20 PM)

Duration	Programme/Activity
90 minutes	Dr. Joram Aniya, Member, NITI Aayog
90 minutes	Prof. Nitin Seth, Director, Indo French Centre for Promotion of Advanced Research
90 minutes	Prof. Sudhakar Venukapalli, IEDS

TEA BREAK | 12:20 PM – 12:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION XII | Public Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Inclusive Development (12:30 PM – 1:40 PM)

Duration	Programme/Activity
90 minutes	Dr. R. Balasubramaniam. Member, NITI Aayog
90 minutes	Dr. Rajneesh, MSME Development Commissioner and Additional Secretary, MSME Ministry
90 minutes	Prof. Prashant Gupta, IIM Nagpur

LUNCH BREAK | 1:40 PM – 2:30 PM

**PLENARY SESSION XIII | Media Panel: Economic Journalism & Public Discourse in India's
Development Narrative
(2:30 PM – 4:30 PM)**

Programme / Activity

Dr. Srinivasan Ramani, The Hindu
Shri Udit Misra, The Indian Express
Ms. Anubhuti Vishnoi, The Economic Times
Ms. Priyanka Srivastava, Times of India

**VALEDICTORY SESSION
(04:30 PM – 05:45 PM)**

Programme / Activity

National Song
Address by Prof. Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics
Conference Report by Prof. Surender Kumar, Delhi School of Economics
Address by Prof. Narendra Kumar Taneja, IEDS
Valedictory Address by Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice- Chancellor, DU
Chief Guest Address by Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India
Distribution of Best Paper Award Certificates
Vote of Thanks by Dr. Devesh Birwal, ED, Centre for Development Economics
National Anthem

Group Photo Session

HIGH TEA | 5:45 PM Onwards

Programme is subject to minor adjustments. All timings are indicative.