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# Frontiers in Economics for a Sustainable Future

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## About RV University:

RV University (RVU) is a new-age university for liberal education. It was established by the Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust (RSST), which carries a legacy of over eight decades of excellence in higher education. RVU is a State Private University under the RV University Act, 2019. It has received all necessary regulatory approvals from the Government of Karnataka and the University Grants Commission (UGC). RVU began its journey with a flagship campus in Bengaluru and is now opening a 42-acre campus in Mysuru, with four foundational schools.

## About School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP):

Education at the SoEPP emphasises developing critical thinkers with a solid understanding of Economics, a broad perspective on public issues, and practical skills for real-world problem-solving. The curriculum achieves this by balancing theory with practical, skills-based, and hands-on experience. Students are encouraged to engage in research projects, and self-study, fostering their analytical abilities and experiential learning.

## About Indian Economic Association:

The Indian Economic Association (IEA) was founded in December 1917 in Calcutta by Prof. C.J. Hamilton, emerging from a conclave of economists amid post-World War I turmoil and British colonial neglect of India's economy. Building on earlier initiatives like the Bengal Economic Association (1916) and Indian Journal of Economics (1916), it aimed to advance economic science through annual conferences, publications, and policy discourse.

Since 1918, IEA has held regular conferences, expanding post-independence with refresher courses, international round tables, and collaborations via the International Economic Association. Its Indian Economic Journal remains prestigious, publishing global scholars. Notable presidents include Nobel laureate Amartya Sen (1989), Manmohan Singh, and C. Rangarajan. The Association's core objectives: organizing conferences, publishing journals, and disseminating knowledge – have broadened over time, fostering cutting-edge research in India's evolving economic landscape.

## About ONGC:

Maharatna ONGC is the largest crude oil and natural gas Company in India, contributing around 71 per cent to Indian domestic production. Crude oil is the raw material used by downstream companies like IOC, BPCL, HPCL and MRPL (Last two are subsidiaries of ONGC) to produce petroleum products like Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene, Naphtha, and Cooking Gas LPG. ONGC has a unique distinction of being a company with in-house service capabilities in all areas of Exploration and Production of oil & gas and related oil-field services. Winner of the Best Employer award, this public sector enterprise has a dedicated team of around 26,000 professionals who toil round the clock in challenging locations.

## About International Conference on Frontiers in Economics for a Sustainable Future:

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cover a wide range of issues, including poverty, health, education, gender equality, clean water and climate action. India, being the most populous nation and one of the fastest-growing economies, is an important stakeholder in achieving these global goals. India is grappling with tough challenges to achieve the SDGs, and therefore requires evidence-based research and policymaking to meet the SDGs. Given India's significant position in the global landscape and its huge economic aspirations, building a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient economy is crucial and imperative.

In this context, the School of Economics and Public Policy, RV University in collaboration with The Indian Economic Association, is organizing a two-day international conference in February, 2026. This conference will bring together scholars, policymakers, and other stakeholders to discuss the progress, challenges, and solutions for sustainable development in the Indian context. By bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders, the conference aims to inspire actionable outcomes that will contribute towards a sustainable, equitable, and progressive India. The conference will serve as a dynamic platform for presenting cutting-edge research that can advance the theoretical and empirical understanding of sustainable development, facilitating discussions on policy actions that can accelerate the SDGs journey.

## Conference Themes:

- Energy and Environmental Economics
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Education, Skills and Human Capital
- Regenerative ecosystem
- Gender, Development and Inequality
- Financial Inclusion and Labour Market

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### Publication Opportunities:

Prestigious 'The Indian Economic Journal', published by the Indian Economic Association, has expressed an interest in publishing some of the best papers from the conference as a special issue following the conclusion of the event. Authors will receive invitations to submit their full papers shortly after the conference concludes. The conference committee will provide additional information regarding publication requirements in due course, enabling interested authors to commence work on their full papers well in advance. The selection of papers will be based on the originality and quality of the research presented at the conference, ensuring that only the most impactful contributions are showcased within the journal.