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CALL FOR PAPERS

URBANISATION, GOVERNANCE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT:
EMERGING CHALLENGES AND POLICY RESPONSES

Organized by Motilal Nehru College (Evening), University of Delhi

In collaboration with Special Centre for Disaster Research (SCDR), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

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DATE 9 October 2026

VENUE Special Centre for Disaster Research (SCDR), JNU, New Delhi

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Rapid urbanisation is intensifying interconnected disaster risks by placing pressure on infrastructure, informal settlements, public-health systems and ecosystems. India’s urban growth makes it urgent to integrate disaster risk reduction with planning, governance and sustainable development. Contemporary hazards - from climate-induced extremes and public-health emergencies to industrial, technological and cyber risks - demand coordinated, multidisciplinary action. The seminar brings together scholars, policymakers, administrators, urban planners, disaster-management professionals, media, civil society and communities to examine urban resilience, evidence-based policy, technology and early-warning systems, local governance, community participation, traditional knowledge and ecological wisdom. It seeks to connect scientific knowledge with social realities and lived experience, generating practical dialogue and policy-responsive approaches for safer, inclusive and resilient cities.

Call for Papers: Original and unpublished papers are invited from academicians, researchers, faculty members, policymakers, administrators, disaster-management professionals, practitioners, media professionals, civil-society representatives, research scholars, and PG and UG-research IVth-year students. Interdisciplinary, empirical, theoretical, comparative, case-based, and policy-oriented contributions are welcome.

SUB-THEMES

- Urban Governance, Planning, Institutional Frameworks and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Informal Settlements, JJ Clusters, Urbanised Villages and Inclusive Resilient Redevelopment
- Disaster-Resilient Buildings, Critical Infrastructure, Building Regulations and Fire & Life Safety
- Urban Infrastructure, Basic Services, WASH, Waste Management and Environmental Resilience
- Climate Change, Urban Hazards, Compound and Emerging Risks
- Urban Floods, Drainage, Water-Related Risks and Nature-Based Solutions
- Urban Health Emergencies, Biological, Industrial and Technological Disasters
- Technology, GIS, Artificial Intelligence, Disaster Data and Early-Warning Systems
- Community Participation, Preparedness, Psychosocial Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods
- Disaster Law, Public Policy, Federalism, Local Governance and Institutional Coordination
- Disaster Risk Financing, Recovery, Rehabilitation and Building Back Better
- Sustainable Urban Development, Disaster Resilience and the SDGs
- Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge, Cultural Practices and Bhartiya Approaches to Disaster Resilience
- Academia, Media and Civil Society: Research, Risk Communication and Disaster Discourses

The sub-themes are indicative. Papers addressing other issues closely related to the central theme may also be considered.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

Selected papers will undergo a double-blind peer-review process and may be considered for publication in an ISBN-bearing edited volume and/or reputed academic journal(s), subject to the reviewers’ recommendations, editorial approval, and the publication policies of the respective publisher/journal.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstract:** 250-300 words
 - Language:** English or Hindi
 - Hindi font:** Unicode (Mangal), 12 pt
 - Author name(s):** 12 pt, bold
 - Abstract text:** 12 pt, justified
 - Margins:** 1 inch on all sides
 - File format:** MS Word (.doc/.docx) and/or PDF
 - Keywords:** 4-6
 - English font:** Times New Roman, 12 pt
 - Title:** 14 pt, bold, centre-aligned
 - Affiliation & contact:** 11 pt
 - Line spacing:** 1.15
 - Referencing:** APA 7th Edition
- State the research problem/objective, methodology or approach, central argument, and major findings/expected contribution.
- Include paper title, author name(s), designation, institutional affiliation, email address, contact number, and keywords.
- For co-authored papers, the corresponding author should make one submission on behalf of all authors.
- Abstracts will be reviewed by the concerned academic committee; acceptance will be communicated to the corresponding author.

SUBMISSION & CONTACT

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CATEGORY	OFFLINE PRESENTATION	ONLINE PRESENTATION
Industry Professional	₹ 1500/-	₹ 1000/-
Faculty	₹ 1000/-	₹ 700/-
Research Scholar (Ph.D., PG/UG (4 th Yr.))	₹ 500/-	₹ 300/-

PAYMENT DETAILS (PARTICIPATION)

CATEGORY	OFFLINE PARTICIPATION	ONLINE PARTICIPATION
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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Abstract Submission	20 September 2026
Intimation of Acceptance	To be communicated
Full Paper Submission	To be communicated
Date of the Seminar	9 October 2026 (Tentative)

LAST DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

Selected participants will be informed regarding acceptance and subsequent requirements for full-paper submission and presentation.

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